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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

Tracy Stewart Principal
Dan Garrison Assistant Principal
Office hours: M-Th 7:30am-4pm, F 7:30am-3:45pm

School Office 816-942-5581

School fax 816-941-2450

School email directory at stmkcschool.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.



STM School Open house

**10am to Noon
Sunday, January 25**



STM ANNUAL AUCTION FUND-A-NEED

**"IMAGINATION TO INNOVATION:
INVESTING IN TECHNOLOGY
AND S.T.E.A.M. LEARNING."**

see pages 8-9

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 or 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 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

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.

To sign up as a weekly Adore-er or as a substitute, visit 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.

Fresh Fire Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays (Jan. 30, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 24) 7-9pm

Looking for a wonderful experience of prayer with others? Fresh Fire is an evening of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration in the church with praise and worship music, personal testimony, and prayer teams. Experience the power of Jesus' healing presence!

Called By Name & Traveling Crucifixes

On the weekend of February 1, our diocese will recognize Called By Name Sunday. From all eternity, God has known each one of us by name and has a particular calling for us to follow. Next weekend's readings center on the theme of Vocation. As you listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass, please consider the following:

- **For those of you discerning your life's Vocation,** be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift; be courageous and open to His call! Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full - do not be afraid! If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then nothing less will satisfy.
- **Please think of the men and women you know** and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, he often uses our voices. Please help us reach out to these individuals and **come next weekend prepared to share their name(s) and contact information** so that a letter of encouragement can be sent to them.

May all of us listen to God's call and follow where he leads!

Traveling Crucifixes

Our STM parish is developing a strong culture for religious vocations and we need the support of all of our parishioners. We'll pray for the young men and women we see daily and who believe they would have an interest in discerning if they have a vocation to the priesthood or avowed religious life. Our Vocations Committee is using the traveling crucifixes to illuminate the awareness of this project and we appreciate your support.

To sign up for one of the Masses on January 31 or February 1, contact Jerry at jerryhaake@gmail.com or 816-305-8065.

The honor to receive and take home a traveling crucifix as you take the gifts to the altar - and to pray for this effort for the week you have a crucifix at your home - will be most rewarding for you and our parish. We ask that you please return the crucifix in the box to the sacristy or the parish office at the end of your week.

1-Day Encounter

Saturday, February 28, 7:45am-8:20pm

Young men in grades 7-10 are invited to attend a one

day retreat at Conception Seminary College. The cost is \$30/person; scholarships available. A bus will leave from Saint Pius High School at 7:45am and return at 8:20pm. The day includes Mass, prayer, confessions, time with the seminarians, gym time, campus tours and much more! Registration is needed by 8am on Monday, February 23. Email kroper@diocesekcsj.org if you have questions.



Customized Vocations Discernment Group

Are you interested in discerning your Vocation with others? Please contact Father Osborn at 816-800-0115 or osborn@diocesekcsj.org to discuss the possibilities!

Monastic Experience

February 27-March 1 (Friday-Sunday)

Curious about Religious Life? The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single Catholic women, ages 18-40 to join them at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri.

It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of monastic life where participants can join the Sisters in praying the Divine Office, daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as experiencing Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and gaining wisdom from the Benedictine tradition.

There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at benedictinesisters.org - Vocations - Events, including additional dates for 2026. To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at 660-944-2221 x142 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org or complete the form at bit.ly/4skj3Xa.

Care & Support

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. Turning Point helps participants increase resilience so they may live life to the fullest, even while experiencing chronic disease. Brochures for January-February, 2026 that list their upcoming programs can be found in the magazine rack at the north end of the narthex.

One of the programs highlighted in the current issue is a program called "Tremble Clefs" for individuals with Parkinson's disease, their spouse, caregiver or extended family members. The program includes vocal exercises, breathing techniques, and movement/exercise. For more information, you can visit TurningPointKC.org or call 913-574-0900.

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 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 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 are sick:

Katie Effertz

...our family and friends who have died:

Dorothy Blottman; Liz Romano; Jack Cotton, Jr., brother of Chris Cotton and son of Bev Cotton

Grief Peer Support Group

1st & 3rd Wed. (Feb. 4), 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 or 816-942-2492 x210.

Stewardship

2025 Contribution Statements for taxes

Statements have been emailed. Please check your junk or spam for the email. If you don't see it or need a paper copy, please contact Veronica, 816-942-2492 x218 or 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 in January.

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

Questions? Contact Veronica Dean-Bonnichsen, 816-942-2492 x218 or veronica@stmkc.com.

STM Food Drive

January 31/February 1, 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.

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

Through your generosity, last month the pantry was able to help 13 families with 32 individuals, including a new client (working mom who needs gluten free items) and two homeless men who learned about us from a flyer. These families who have "too much month at the end of the paycheck" or are on fixed incomes. They really appreciate the help you provide--thank you! Information on resources for the two men was also provided. February needs are:

- gluten free options
- instant mashed potatoes (packets or boxes)
- facial tissues, shampoo, hand/body lotion,
- laundry detergent (small bottles)

To contribute financially to provide produce and frozen meats, please send checks to First Baptist Church, 100 W. Red Bridge Road, KC, MO. 64114, with "food pantry" on the memo line. Or scan the QR code.



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 and click on Employment Opportunities at the bottom of the page. Questions? Contact Veronica at veronica@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x218.

STM Choir & Ensemble: New Members Welcome!

If you enjoy singing choral music, whether you read music or not, attend a Wednesday practice and join in joyful praise. High school and college vocalists are also invited. These two groups are currently preparing music for Lent and the Easter season.

Rehearsals for the Celebration of Hope choir are held Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the choir loft. This choir supports the liturgies on the first three Saturdays at the 4pm Masses.

Rehearsals for the Ensemble are held Wednesdays at 5pm and the group supports the liturgies at the 9am Mass.

Contact Music Director Bob Sandford regarding these and other opportunities to serve in music ministry.

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.



Guatemala Mission Trip

July 7-14, 2026

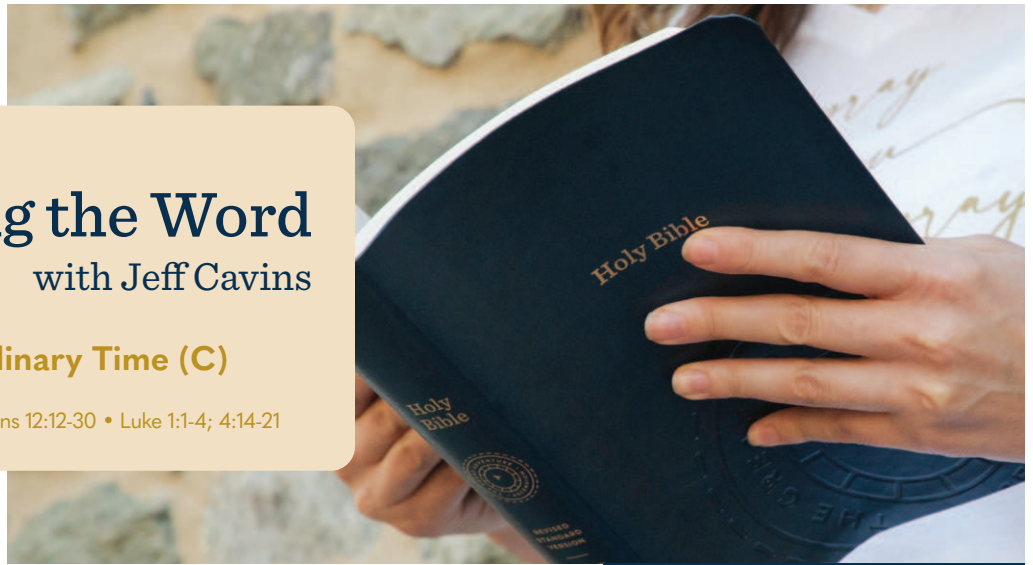
The Guatemala Action Group fosters awareness of the needs and values of our brothers and sisters in San Andres Itzapa in Guatemala. The group sponsors annual mission trips to Guatemala each summer, with the goal of both communities growing and benefiting from our shared journeys of faith. This year, there is only one trip, and it is currently full and with a waiting list. For more information about this ministry, contact Phil at 816-215-0172 or philsmith4470@gmail.com.

Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 • 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 • Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



A New Beginning with Jesus

Jesus begins his public ministry in Luke 4, and what he does is utterly fantastic. It also calls us to follow in his footsteps and take part in his mission. A key to understanding Jesus' work is that whatever he is doing, he is going to share with us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus returns from the Jordan River, where he was baptized and received the power of the Holy Spirit. The first thing Jesus does is go to the synagogue on the Sabbath, as was his custom, in his hometown of Nazareth. This is something that he learned from the Holy Family. Inside, Jesus stands to read, and the book of the prophet Isaiah is given to him. He reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable of the Lord."

"Today," Jesus says, "this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." This is powerful because Jesus is reading of freedom and a new beginning. He says that the Spirit of the Lord is upon him so he can preach to the poor. That's also our responsibility. And when Jesus proclaims the "acceptable year of the Lord," he is speaking of a jubilee, where slaves are released and debts forgiven. We should follow him.

Jesus' mission is about setting the oppressed free. We are called to join him. As we participate, we need to rely on God's grace and be aware that we are empowered as God's sons and daughters.



Fresco of *The Healing of the Blind Man and the Raising of Lazarus*, made in Castile-León, Spain

Live the Gospel

Jeff Cavins says, "Jesus is telling us that we share in the mission to forgive and release others who have hurt us. Take time this week to pray in silence in front of the tabernacle or a crucifix and ask Jesus to reveal to you who you need to forgive. Ask for the strength to forgive them, and willingly do it. You don't need to feel it; trust that by forgiving, you are being healed from all the hurts in your past."

Dive Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/third-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c/>

Ponder and Pray

» Have you ever told someone you would never forgive them? Does that weigh on you? Can you see that Jesus wants to release you from this burden?

» Don't underestimate the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. God wants to forgive you and set you free and give you a new beginning. If you have been away from Confession, know that Jesus is waiting for you in the person of the priest. As you sit with them, what strikes you about these statements?

Make It Your Own

You and others in your household may use this space to write anything about today's Mass. Your view of Jeff Cavins's reflection, your priest's homily, your answers to the questions on this page—anything to help you and your household get the most out of today's Mass.

“ **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.** ”
-Luke 4:18

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Growing God's Family

Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

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

Topic for January 27: *Why do we have a Pope?*

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 bturner727@yahoo.com.

Into the Breach: Friday Men's Program

5:45am breakfast, 6:15-7am program, More Hall

Nearly 60 men are signed up for the series. Let's keep growing the group! The videos all stand on their own, so if you missed a couple or can't commit to every week, that's fine. The more men we get fighting the culture the better!

Breakfast has been doughnuts and Caleb's burritos. (Other suggestions accepted!)

Questions? Email Dustin at roggedj@earthlink.net.

SPRED

Mondays (Jan. 26), 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall

An adult group for the developmentally delayed meets about every other week to share their faith. Questions? Email bturner727@yahoo.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

1st & 2nd Sundays (February 1 & 8), 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 or 816-942-2492 x202.

Commandment of The Month: 5th Commandment

"You shall not kill."

This Commandment emphasizes the sacred nature of life. To impress upon your children the sacredness and miracle of life, we encourage you and your family to spiritually adopt a baby. You decide if your baby is a boy or a girl, choose a name and decide on your baby's birthday. Over nine months, your family will observe the miracle of creation as it develops month by month. Just as you would for any unborn baby, include the baby, and its mother and father in your family prayers. Then, on the big day, celebrate your baby's birth with a

party. Invite other family members and friends. Include baby gifts that will be donated to a local pregnancy resource center or adoption agency. Make their birthday an annual celebration to be reminded of the miracle of God's gift of life.

Today's culture has diminished the sacredness of human life, of parenthood, and of family. Too often, the news headlines report of yet another assault on human life. How do we restore the honor and respect for what God has created in His image and likeness, as holy and sacred?

The 5th Commandment is one of ten vital defenses for restoring our culture to one that honors and respects life, parenthood, and family. The full set of ten defenses are the Ten Commandments that teach us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. But to live them well, to teach them to the children in your life and transform our culture to one of life, you need to know them and know them well. Not just as a list of rules, but as God's recipe for a joy-filled and wonderful life.

Restoring society's respect for life starts with you and your family. As you learn and live the Commandments, you will begin to transform your community.

City On a Hill for Young Adults

Link: 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.

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

Sat., Jan. 24 - KC Hospice Breakfast Ministry

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

Sun., Jan. 25 - Catholic Schools Week begins

Mon., Jan. 26 - STM Serves at Morning Glory Ministries

Children's Choir, 3:15-4:30pm, Choir Loft

Living Waters, 7-9:30pm, Church

SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm More Hall B/D

Auction mtg., 7pm, More Hall C

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

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

Wed., Jan. 28 - reStart Sack Lunches

Thu., Jan. 29 - Scout mtg., More Hall

Fri., Jan. 30 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15am

Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 31-Feb. 1 - Monthly Food Drive, Narthex

Called By Name Weekend

Sun., Feb. 1 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass
 Mon., Feb. 2 - Children's Choir, 3:15-4:30pm, Choir Loft
 STM Serves at One City Cafe
 Faith in Action mtg., 6:30-8pm, Huhmann Room
 Living Waters, 7-9pm, Church
 Tue., Feb. 3 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library
 OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
 Wed., Feb. 4 - reStart Sack Lunches
 Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman Library
 Thu., Feb. 5 - Knights Officer mtg., 7pm, Bauman
 Fri., Feb. 6 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15am
 Sat.-Sun., Feb. 7-8 - Pill Bottle Collection
 Sun., Feb. 8 - Girl Scouts sell cookies after 9 & 11am
 Masses



STM School
 Tracy Stewart, Principal
 816-942-5581 STMKSCHOOL.ORG

School Office Hours

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

School Dates

Sun., Jan. 25 - Catholic Schools Week begins
 STM School Open House, 10am-Noon
 Fri., Jan. 30 - No School
 Sat., Jan. 31 - Auction

STM School Open House

Sunday, January 25, 10am-Noon

All parishioners are welcome to enjoy a donut and take a tour of the school to see some of what our children do there! Visit the classrooms, talk to teachers and students, and look at their work throughout the halls.

STM School Registration: Grades K-8

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

K-8 Tuition & Fees

Registration Fee: \$500/student, non-refundable
 The Cost of Education per student is \$9200.
 The parish will cover \$4200.

Active parishioner tuition is \$5,000/1 student, \$8,000/2, \$12,000/3, and \$16,000/4. (Multi-child discounts may be phased out in the future as we move toward need-based support.)

Non-Parishioner Tuition is \$8,000/student.

PK Tuition & Fees

Registration Fee: \$300/student, non-refundable

Tuition is \$8,000/student for 5-day and \$4,800/student for 3-day.

Financial Assistance Available

MOScholars - Applications can be completed at brightfuturesfund.org. Funds for these scholarships are provided by MO residents who designate their MO tax dollars for private school scholarships. Each student is awarded the lesser of \$6,300 or the cost of tuition that they will then receive each year through high school. **In addition**, applications for scholarships awarded from STM sources are available on FACTS **through January 30**. (Please contact STM School for the link and instructions.) The application fee is \$45. Two tiers of support will be offered. Award letters for FACTS will be sent before the March enrollment window.

Families are encouraged to complete both applications.

For more information, call the school office.

Scavenger Hunt Skate

Wednesday, Januar 28, 6-8pm

Cost is \$7 admission, \$2 skate rental. Find all the clues and get all the questions correct to win fun prizes! \$11 large pizza special. Meet at Skate City, Overland Park.

Sweetheart Soiree 2026

Saturday, February 7, 6:30-8pm

Dads, put on your dancing shoes on and come ready to have a heart-felt night with your daughter. Tickets are \$25 for father/daughter plus an additional \$5 per daughter. Don't forget to bring extra money for the raffle baskets! If you have any questions, please contact Suzie Brautman at brautman_suzie@stmcyclones.org. Payment is due by Wednesday, February 4.

Dine Out Night

Wed., Feb. 25 - Southside

STM Annual Auction – Fund-a-Need

We invite our community to invest in the 2025-2026 Fund-A-Need initiative to support the development of life-long learners. Our Fund-A-Need this year, "Imagination to Innovation: Investing in Technology and STEAM Learning." Our goal is \$150,00.

Reaching our goal will allow us to provide new student devices, equip teachers with modern tools, and launch a dedicated STEAM Lab. With your partnership, we can give our children the technology and resources they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Your gift supports:

- Updated student & teacher devices, ensuring access to up-to-date technology and platforms.
- Development of a STEAM Lab – A hands-on space for innovation in Science, Technology, Engineering,

Arts, and Math.

How You Can Help:

- Visit stmauction and click on the big, green "Donate Now" button.
- Mail or drop off a check at the parish or school office labeled "Fund-A-Need."

An Example of Innovative Technology for Classrooms

"I Ready" is an online platform used at STM School that provides teacher-led instruction as well as assessments. The data received from i-Ready diagnostics allows our teachers to:

- Monitor individual student progress
- Plan targeted small-group instruction and interventions
- Identify opportunities for additional support or academic advancement

While the data informs our whole-group instruction, its greatest value lies in how it helps us see each student as an individual learner. Because i-Ready is directly aligned with our Language Arts and Math curriculum, it provides us with an unusually detailed and meaningful picture of how classroom instruction, interventions, and enrichment work together. This alignment allows us to design intervention plans that truly mirror what students are experiencing in class.

Like many schools in our area, we are working toward a stronger, more comprehensive Language Arts and Math program through i-Ready. Meaningful growth takes time, and we remain committed to meeting students where they are, monitoring their progress, and working with them daily in small groups to stretch and grow academically.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners

Students shot free throws to determine who was the best shot. The Knights want to thank the school for its cooperation putting on this event and congratulations to the students who will move on to the district championship. The winners of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 14270 free throw contest for 2026 are:



- 14-year olds – Austin Ganzy & Scarlett Yanes
- 13-year olds – Liam McDonald & Grace Kedlich
- 12-year olds – Blaise Sullivan & Emma Dreiling
- 11-year olds – Michael Ludwikoski & Ila Stone
- 10-year olds – Dawson Lockard & Emilia Lancey
- 9-year olds – Oliver Stone & Davi Colombo

The district competition will be held on Sunday, February 8, at 1pm in the STM Gym.

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.

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Parish Office Hours

Office Hours: M-W 8:45am-3:30pm; T-Th 8:45am-5pm
F 8:45am-1pm

Parish Finance Council

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Bruce Gregg Laura Christopherson

Questions? Email FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com.

Diocesan Ombudsman - David Noordeloos
816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org

Victim Advocate
816-714-2357 or 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.

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.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:
Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202, OR
Dan Garrison, School Safe Environment Coordinator, garrison_dan@stmcyclones.org or 816-942-5581.

Mass Intentions

- Mon: 8:15AM Peter Garcia[†]
1/26
- Tues: **6:15AM Carolyn Oberjuerge[†]**
8:15AM Thomas Fahey[†]
1/27
- Wed: **6:15AM Jake Lynch[†]**
8:15AM Barney & Rosemarie Maguire[†]
1/28
- Thur: **6:15AM Kathy Mazzoni[†]**
8:15AM Fred Hess[†]
1/29
- Fri: **8:15AM Robert Gutierrez[†]**
1/30
- Sat: 4:00PM Marilyn Baretto
1/31
- Sun: **7:30AM Our Parishioners**
9:00AM Mike Phelps[†]
11:00AM Daniel A Schmitt[†]










[†] Deceased

**School Mass

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

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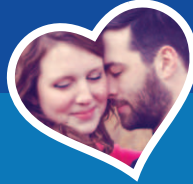
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