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## BULLETIN ONLINE

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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](http://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](http://stmkcschool.org)

SCHOOL TOURS: contact Andy Perkins

at [perkins\\_andy@stmcyclones.org](mailto:perkins_andy@stmcyclones.org)

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All employees and volunteers working with minors are required to:

- Create an account at [virtus.org](http://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.

# Called by Name Sunday

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Seminarian Mass before Christmas 2025

**O God,** ..who willed to provide shepherds for your people, pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude, to raise up worthy ministers for your altars, and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.

May the stewards of your mysteries grow in number and persevere always in your love.

Through the Sacrament of charity, may the seeds you sow with great abundance in the field of your Church come to maturity, and may many make it their choice in life to serve you in their brothers and sisters.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## PRESCRIPTION PILL BOTTLES

COLLECTED NEXT WEEKEND  
(FEBRUARY 7-8)

# 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

**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.



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

## February Prayer Intentions

**Bishop Johnston:** For an end to human trafficking and for the rescue and healing of its victims.

**Pope Leo XIV:** Let us pray that children suffering from

incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength or hope.

## 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



This weekend, our diocese recognizes 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. Complete a nomination form through this QR code or on the paper form in the narthex.



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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org) or complete the form at [bit.ly/4skj3Xa](http://bit.ly/4skj3Xa).

## White Mass

**Wednesday, February 11, 6pm**

All medical professionals are invited to the annual White Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 3934 Washington St. Please RSVP to [secretary@catholicmedkc.org](mailto:secretary@catholicmedkc.org).

## Peggy's Ponderings: "Selah"



Friends, it is with a bittersweetness that I let you all know I have discerned to retire my position as Pastoral Associate here at Saint Thomas More, and my last day will be February 5th.

I have made so many wonderful connections and friends here at the parish, and the good news is that I will be around as a parishioner, so I am not saying goodbye. It is just the time for this season to end for me.

I heard the word "selah" today, a word I had not heard before. I understand selah is the Hebrew word for pause. I had been looking for a word to describe my next season, and it will be a selah. I am hoping the pause I take will be slow, contemplative, and restful. A selah is much needed for me to really hear the direction God is calling me. I can notice the nudge, I have just been too busy to discern where the nudge is nudging me.

My prayer is for you all to find a way to selah as well. It may be just a momentary selah within your busy day to connect with God. I think we all need to take a selah, no matter the length of time, so we can allow that connection to grow.

Blessings on your spiritual journey,  
Peggy Lucas, Pastoral Associate

## 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 parishioners who are hospitalized:

**St. Luke's East:** Patrick Miller

...our family and friends who have died:

Terry Walene, brother of Preston Dwyer; Peg Calhoun

## Care & Support

### 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](mailto:peggy@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x210.

## Stewardship

### 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](mailto:veronica@stmkc.com).

### STM Food Drive This Weekend

**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](http://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 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](http://kcsjatholic.org) and click on Employment Opportunities at the bottom of the page. Questions? Contact Veronica at [veronica@stmkc.com](mailto:veronica@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x218.

### Pill Bottle Collection

**February 7-8, Narthex**

For the pet shelters, STM is collecting prescription pill bottles with the labels removed. Please do not leave the bottles in the church after February 8. They will be taken to the shelters on Monday morning

### 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](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net).



## Growing God's Family

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

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

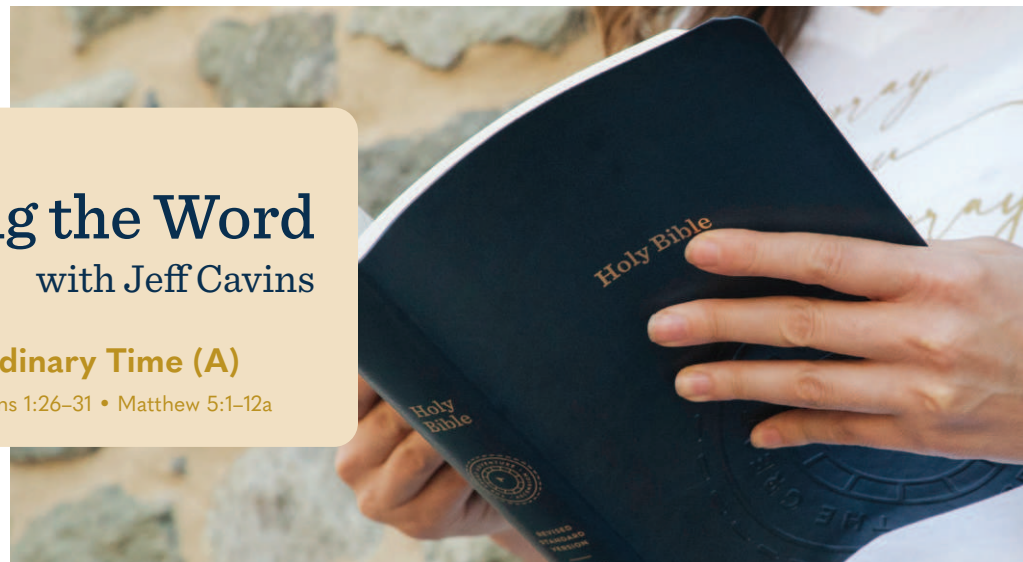
Men and women gather each week to break open the Sunday readings. All are welcome to join in! Questions? Email Becky at [btturner727@yahoo.com](mailto:btturner727@yahoo.com).

# Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 • 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 • Matthew 5:1-12a



## The Way of the Beatitudes

One of the keys to becoming a holy follower of Christ is to find your life hidden in Jesus. The more you hide your life in Jesus or walk in Christ, the more you will become like him. This Sunday's readings remind us that the path of discipleship is not one of worldly power or prestige, but one of humility and trust in the Lord. Zephaniah tells us that it is the humble who take refuge in God. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians that God chooses the weak, the lowly, and the despised to reveal his power so that no one may boast except in the Lord.



In the Gospel, Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount by proclaiming the Beatitudes. Far from being abstract ideals, the Beatitudes describe his own life and reveal the shape of true holiness. To be poor in spirit, merciful, pure of heart, a peacemaker, even to endure persecution—this is not weakness but the very strength of Christ, who shows us what it means to live fully for the Father.

The Beatitudes completely invert the values of the world. Instead of riches, comfort, and prestige, the true reward of discipleship is far greater: communion with Christ himself. To embrace the Beatitudes is to take on the very likeness of Jesus and to find refuge in him. In this way, what looks like weakness to the world becomes the deepest source of strength and joy.

## Living the Gospel

The Beatitudes are not a distant ideal but a roadmap for discipleship. This week, choose one beatitude to pray with and live out in a concrete way. If you hunger for righteousness, commit to daily prayer or Scripture study. If you long to be a peacemaker, seek reconciliation in a strained relationship. In following Christ's way of humility, mercy, and purity of heart, you become a living sign of his presence in the world.

## Going Deeper

Scan this code to watch:



Or go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iT537o5QFBI>

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 14270 Presents



# TEXAS HOLD 'EM

♣ ♦ POKER TOURNAMENT ♥ ♠

Friday, February 13

More Hall 11822 Holmes Rd

Register 7PM Play 730PM

## CASH PRIZES<sub>1</sub>

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

Pre-Registration \$30 Walk-Ins \$35

### Proceeds Benefit KofC Charities

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Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 14270

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

To pre-register: Email [kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net) Or: text 816-213-9375

Leave your name and the number in your group

## Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

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

**Topic for February 3:** *Witness Night*

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.

## 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 is doughnuts and Caleb's burritos. (Other suggestions accepted!)

Questions? Email Dustin at [roggedj@earthlink.net](mailto:roggedj@earthlink.net).

## SPRED

**Mondays (Feb. 9), 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).

## 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](mailto:joan@stmkc.com) or 816-942-2492 x202.

## 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 call the parish office, 816-942-2492.

## Commandment of The Month: 6th Commandment

**"You shall not commit adultery."**

What are you doing to protect the children in your life from being victims of the temptations and confusion of today's sexualized culture? Their very lives and souls are at stake. Therefore, we can't continue to hope they learn the truth about the sacredness and purpose of their body from the TV and social media. Instead, we need to take meaningful and appropriate steps to inform and protect our children and grandchildren. Here are a few steps you can take.

- Make the decision to not shy away from conversations about sexuality with your children and grandchildren. They are going to learn about it somewhere, so wouldn't it be better for them to learn the

holy and sacred purpose of sexuality from you.

- Refresh your knowledge of the Catholic teachings on the goodness and purpose of human sexuality.
- Be intentional to have age-appropriate conversations about their bodies with them. Instead of focusing on inappropriate behavior, highlight how their bodies should be honored, revered, and safeguarded. Use the analogy of how they honor and safeguard their most prized possession, such as autographed baseball or an heirloom from a favorite grandparent.

## Men Under Construction Catholic Men's Conference

**Sat., Feb. 21, 7am-3:45 at Church of the Ascension**

Looking for peace, happiness, joy, pleasure, excitement, fulfilling life? Haven't found it? Come hear the truth about how to live your life as a man trying to follow Christ. Come to find the wisdom, vision and courage you need to achieve your life and spiritual goals.

Ascension is located in Overland Park KS. Please visit [menunderconstruction.org](http://menunderconstruction.org) for more information or to register. The cost is \$45/person, scholarships available.

## Parish Calendar of Events

Fri., Jan. 30 - 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

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Server Training, 2:30pm, Church

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

Ensemble Rehearsal, 5pm, Church

Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Choir Loft

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 Scout cookies after Masses

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

Mon., Feb. 9 - 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

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

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

Wed., Feb. 11 - reStart Sack Lunches

1st & 3rd Girl Scouts, 3:30pm, More Hall C & D

Ensemble Rehearsal, 5pm, Church  
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Choir Loft  
Thu., Feb. 12 - Knights of Columbus, 7:15pm, More Hall  
Fri., Feb. 13 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15am  
Sat.-Sun., Feb. 14-15 - Blest Art, Narthex  
Sun., Feb. 15 - Cub Scout Blue & Gold



## 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

Sat., Jan. 31 - Auction  
Thu., Feb. 5 - Bingo for Books, 6:30pm, Flanagan  
Sat., Feb. 7 - Father Daughter Dance, 6:30pm, Flanagan  
Tue., Feb. 10 - Home & School mtg., 6:30pm, More Hall  
Fri., Feb. 13 - No School; Professional Development  
Wed., Feb. 25 - Dine Out at Southside

### 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](http://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.

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

### From the Principal's Desk



As I walk through our halls, I am continually amazed by the learning, joy, and faith in action that fills our school. Our Kindergarten students are prompting us to look to the stars as they explore space, asking thoughtful questions and igniting curiosity. In first grade, students are jumping into long vowels with a silent e and reading beautifully, making impressive gains in their phonemic awareness and confidence as readers. In second grade, students have been busy counting coins, applying real-world math skills with growing confidence.

Our third graders shine during their morning meetings, where community, communication, and leadership are clearly on display. Fourth grade is diving into biographies, learning about the lives of others and discovering how perseverance and faith shape our stories.

Our junior high students are hard at work across all content areas, challenging themselves daily and striving to reach their own personal best. They are demonstrating leadership through student president reports, deepening their faith through Saint projects, and expanding their global awareness with projects focused on studying nations of the world. In English Language Arts, students are engaged in reading *The Outsiders* and exploring the works of Edgar Allan Poe, while continuing to grow spiritually through monthly Theology of the Body lessons. These examples are just a few of the many amazing things happening each day at Saint Thomas More.

Saint Thomas More truly is a wonderful place to spend our days—a place where faith and academics come together, where students are known and loved, and where each child's light is encouraged to shine brightly.

Thank you for being part of our STM community and for partnering with us in faith, learning, and service. May we continue to walk together, united in faith, as we celebrate Catholic education this week and always.

~ Tracy Stewart

### 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@stmclones.org](mailto:brautman_suzie@stmclones.org). Payment is due by Wednesday, February 4.

### Dine Out Night

Wed., Feb. 25 - Southside

## STM Annual Auction – Fund-a-Need

Our community is invited 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."

## Super Bowl Squares: 8th Grade Graduation Fundraiser



\$25 per square • 2 Boards of 100 • Random numbers assigned after boards are filled.

Payouts per board: Q1 \$200 | Half-time \$200 | Q3 \$225 | Final \$625. Payouts are based on total squares sold.

Participants may select available squares. Numbers (0–9) for each team will be randomly assigned after the board is filled. Prizes are determined by the last digit of each team's score at the end of each quarter. Prizes will be distributed by check, Zelle, or Venmo.

The organizer does not provide tax advice; any tax reporting obligations related to prizes are the responsibility of the recipient.

## School Bell Breakfast: Save the Date!

**Thursday, April 23, 7:30am**

This breakfast benefits the Bright Futures Fund schools and will be held at The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Sponsorships and registration are now open. Visit [brightfuturesfund.org](#) and scroll down to the 2026 School Bell Breakfast.

## TO REGISTER

as a member of Saint Thomas More Parish...

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

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- 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.

## Mass Intentions

Mon: 8:15AM Jim Gleeson†  
 2/2  
 Tues: **6:15AM Sal Sciara†**  
 8:15AM James Hess†  
 2/3  
 Wed: **6:15AM Chas Tulipana†**  
 8:15AM Barbara Struempfl†  
 2/4  
 Thur: **6:15AM Marlene Miceli†**  
 8:15AM Mary Ann Smith†  
 2/5  
 Fri: **8:15AM Matthew McCullough†**  
 2/6  
 Sat: **8:15AM Joan Supica†**  
 4:00PM Lee Sbisa†  
 2/7  
 Sun: **7:30AM John Schwantes†**  
 9:00AM Lara & Tierney Dwyer†  
 2/8  
**11:00AM Our Parishioners**










† Deceased

\*\*School Mass

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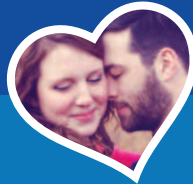
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