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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

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

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

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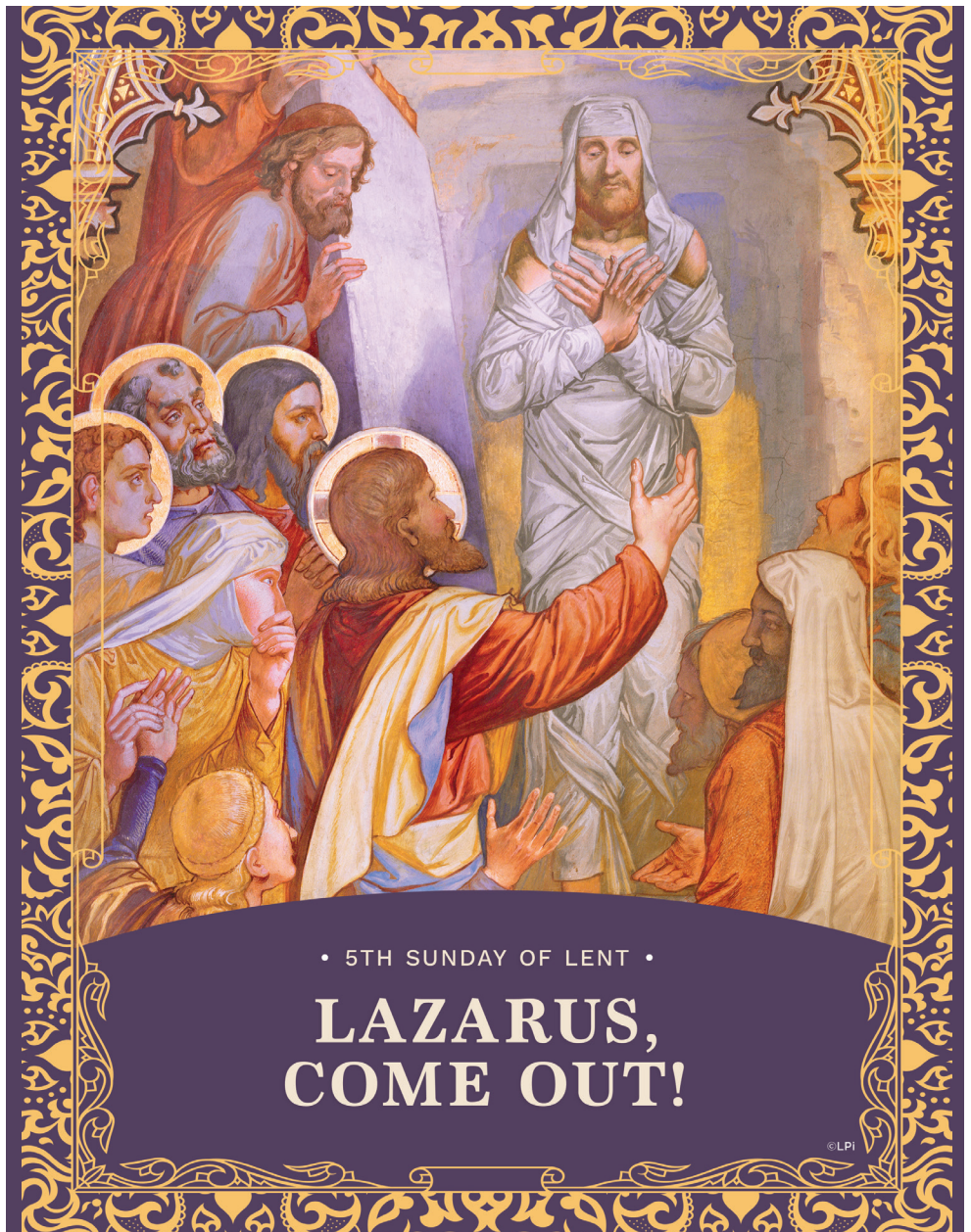
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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.



• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •


LAZARUS, COME OUT!

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HOLY WEEK ADORATION SIGNUP

OR IN THE NARTHEX
OR AT STMKC.COM



PALM SUNDAY 3/29
NOON - 5:45PM

MONDAY 3/30
9AM - 5PM

TUESDAY 3/31
9:30AM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 4/1
9AM - 4PM

THURSDAY 4/2
9:30AM - 6PM

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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. Mass recording is back! Please be patient as we re-train and continue to tweak the new equipment. Contact Joan at 816-942-2492 x202 or joan@stmkc.com for comments or questions.

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
Holy Week Adoration (Mar. 29-Apr. 3)

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, as a substitute, or for Holy Week, visit stmkc.com. Holy Week sign-ups can also be found in the narthex, near the choir loft door.



Traveling Vocations Crucifixes

Available Sundays: April 12-May 24

Parishioners are invited to sign up at stmkc.com to receive a crucifix for a week during the Easter season. Participants will receive the crucifix at Mass, along with prayers to use seeking an increase in vocations to the

priesthood and religious life. Thank you to the STM Vocations Committee and their promotion of this offering.

March Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For those who work in transportation professions: truck drivers, pilots, railroad workers, delivery persons, warehouse workers, flight attendants; that God grant them grace and safety, and bestow upon their families security and peace while they are away from home serving the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIV: That nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Fresh Fire Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays (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!

Lent at STM

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at 5pm.

They will be led by:

Mar. 20 - Seven Sisters

Mar. 27 - Sr. Terry's 4th grade

Fish Dinner - Friday, March 20, 5:30-7pm at the Knights of Columbus Council 4387 building at 5111 E 112th Ter KC MO. Enjoy fried & baked fish, potatoes, vegetable, garden salad, and rolls. Cost is \$15/ person, all you can eat. Pasta w/marinara sauce & cheese pizza for those who do not like fish. Assorted desserts as well!
Bingo will begin after people finish eating. Each card is \$1 and proceeds go to the Knights' charities.

Care & Support

Novena to End Threats to Human Dignity in Missouri

Bishop Johnston has asked for a 9-month novena on the 25th of each month starting in February. The novena is intended to encourage prayer to end the threats to human dignity in Missouri. Bishop Johnston specifically requests prayer related to continuing concerns in our community impacting immigrant families amid the ongoing surge in deportation efforts. Additionally, later this year, Missouri voters will once again be asked to address abortion laws in our state, particularly the loosening of restrictions that have long protected women. More information will be shared in the coming months.

Prayer to be prayed on the 25th of each month

God of all life, help us to appreciate the great gift that is human life formed in your image, a reflection of your holiness. Help us to recognize you in all whom you have created: children not yet born, families affected by poverty and war, people of different abilities, people from other lands, and all who are victims of hatred and racism. Help us to bear witness to the dignity of all whom you have created, regardless of stage of life, or wealth, or ability, or color, or creed, for every person is fully equal in your loving eyes. Share with us your holy knowledge that we are all your children, each bestowed with inherent dignity. May your justice reign forever! Amen.

Rosary for Immigrants

Wednesday, March 25, Noon

Join a bi-state Rosary for Immigrants as we peacefully pray a multilingual rosary for the end to indiscriminate and inhumane deportations of non-violent migrants and refugees. The rosary will take place at Washington Square Park, 2345 Grand Blvd, KCMO 64108. Signs will be provided. Visit lifeandjusticekcsj.org for details.

Grief Peer Support Group

1st & 3rd Wed. (Apr. 1), 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, Spiritual Director, facilitates these groups. Attend as you are able. For more info, contact the parish office, 816-942-2492.

Turning Point: 25th Anniversary

Celebration: Tuesday, March 31, 2-6pm

Turning Point is a gathering place for individuals, families and friends living with serious or chronic physical illness. Connected with the University of Kansas Health System, they offer wide array of programs and classes for the public: emotional/physical support, creative expression, meditation/mindfulness, nutrition, practical issues, body movement, family, and educational/support groups. Join them for free food and drinks at their Open House celebration at 8900 State Line Rd, Suite 240 in Leawood KS.

Join the STM Prayer Chain and Pray for Others

When a prayer request is received at the parish office, an email is sent out, asking for prayers. If you are in need of prayer or interested in praying for those requesting prayer, contact Peggy Lucas at peggy@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x210.

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

There is 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 Joan Sandford, Office Manager, at joan@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 Joan 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:

Diane Soucy, sister of Adele Wurtz

Lenten Reflections about Peace and Nonviolence

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22

offered by the STM Faith in Action Team

“Then Peter approaching asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

Matthew 18:21-22

“We adopt the means of nonviolence because our end is a community at peace with itself. We will try to persuade with our words, but if our words fail, we will try to persuade with our acts.”

Martin Luther King

Prayer for Nonviolence – Fr. John Dear

God of peace, be with us now as we repent of our violence and hear your word of peace. Help us to become your holy people of Gospel nonviolence, that we might follow the nonviolent Jesus, love one another, love our enemies, reconcile with everyone, resist injustice and pursue a new world without war, poverty, nuclear weapons, global warming or violence, your reign of nonviolence in our midst. We ask this in the name of the nonviolent Jesus, our brother and our peace.

Amen.

St. Joseph Medical Center (SJMC) is hosting a Jewelry & Other Accessories Sale

March 24-25 (Tue., 7:30-5; Wed., 7:30-3)

St. Joseph's Volunteer Services is hosting this event in the lower level of the atrium. Net proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities and other similar charities. SJMC is located at 1000 Carondelet Dr., KCMO 64114. Come to find some very good deals while supporting worthwhile causes! Call Fred O'Dwyer at 816-812-1198 for more details.

STM Green Team

Blue River Road Clean-Up - Saturday, April 4, 9-11am

The team will again participate in the annual Blue River Clean-Up Day. This city-wide project is an effort to help remove trash from the Blue River and restore it to a vibrant ecosystem that promotes healthy forests, grasslands, plant diversification and abundant habitat for wildlife. We will pick up trash along a two-mile stretch of the road, from the tennis court parking lot (west side of Blue River Rd, south of Red Bridge Rd) to Blue Ridge Blvd.

All are welcome! Meet at the tennis courts at 9am. We suggest wearing sturdy shoes, long-sleeved shirts, jeans, hats and gloves. Please RSVP to David Butel at dbutel@yahoo.com by Wednesday, April 1.



Saint Joseph Table at Rockhurst High School

March 26-27 (Thursday-Friday), 10am-4pm

The Rockhurst High School Saint Joseph Men for Mothers Club is hosting. The Table will be set up and blessed on Thursday. Proceeds and food donations for the event will benefit the Wyandotte Pregnancy Center. Please consider delivering a pasta dish, cookies, etc. before 1pm on Wed., March 25. Questions? Email Antionette at aishmael@rockhursths.edu or Nick at NickPizzichino26@amdg.rockhursths.edu.

World Cup Raffle for Catholic Education

Our Lady's Montessori School (an apostolic work of the SOLT Sisters) is raffling 2 Founders Box tickets to the FIFA World Cup Quarter Final game at Arrowhead Stadium, including food and beverage. Only 250 tickets available. Proceeds support OLMS School. Raffle tickets can be purchased at olmskc.org/world-cup-raffle/.

Annual Men of STM Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1 - 1pm Shotgun start; Lunch before.

Registration Link coming soon!

Any Questions? Please call Liam Cahill, 913-558-9835.

Stewardship

Advertise in the Parish Bulletin

This week, Jon Becker and Mary Detrick, our parish representatives from LPI (the bulletin printer), will work on our parish bulletin, contacting advertisers for the back pages. The revenue from the ads makes the bulletin possible at no cost to the parish. And it's a great way to get your name in front of the families in the parish!

If you are interested or just curious to check it out, please contact Jon Becker: 913-645-0542 or jbecker@4LPi.com.

Bulletin Deadlines Change

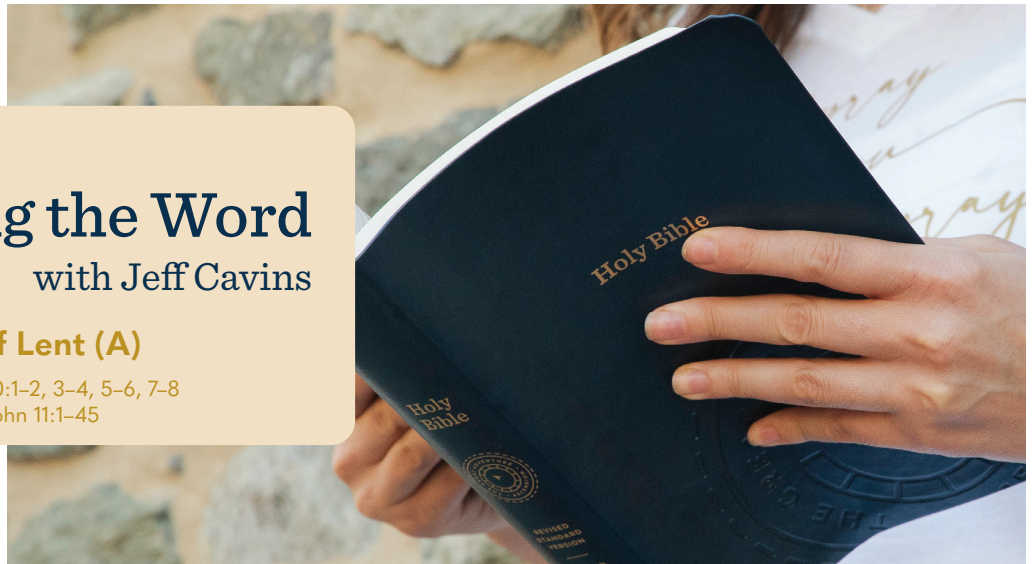
Generally, bulletin items are due by 5pm on Monday for the following Sunday. With Easter approaching, the March 29 and April 5 bulletin items are **due by 9am** (Monday, March 23 and March 30).

Encountering the Word

with Jeff Cavins

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 • Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11 • John 11:1-45



Breaking Chains

One of humanity's deepest fears is death. It feels final and beyond our control, yet God reveals that he holds authority even over the grave. In Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones, the Lord promises to open the graves of his people, breathe his Spirit into them, and restore them to life (Ezekiel 37). While Ezekiel's vision first pointed to Israel's restoration as a nation, it ultimately reveals a deeper truth: God's power to restore life where there is sin, despair, and even death itself.

This promise is fulfilled in the raising of Lazarus. After four days in the tomb, Jesus stands before death itself and calls Lazarus forth. The one who was thought lost is restored to life, though still bound in burial cloths. Jesus not only raises him, but commands that he be unbound and set free. In this, Christ reveals both his lordship over death and his desire to release his people from everything that holds them captive!



Jesus Raising Lazarus, iconic mural in the Church of the Annunciation, Jerusalem

This is not only Lazarus' story, it is also ours. Though baptism bestows on us the fullness of new life in Christ, we often remain bound by sin, fear, shame, or habits that weigh us down. Yet Jesus desires more than mere survival for us; he wants us to walk freely as beloved children of God, renewed by his Spirit! And when this freedom takes root in us, it becomes a powerful testimony. Just as many came to believe because of what they saw in Lazarus, others may come to believe when they witness what Christ has done in our lives.

Living the Gospel

The raising of Lazarus shows us that Christ not only restores life but also sets us free. This week, bring your sins and burdens to Jesus in prayer, especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Allow him to speak his word of freedom into your life: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). Then live as one unbound, sharing with others how Christ has given you new life so that they, too, may come to believe in the One who loves them.

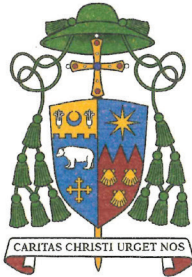
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Office of the Bishop

March 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I extend a personal invitation to all Catholic men, eighteen years of age or older, to join the Knights of Columbus; a Catholic organization founded by Father Michael McGivney over 140 years ago in Connecticut. Knights of Columbus members adhere to the teachings of the Church and embrace the great principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These principles guide their relationships with God, their family, the Church and society.

For the Knights, commitment to family and personal responsibilities come first, followed by support for their parish, local community and the Diocese. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, along with devotion to the Blessed Mother and Saints, are essential component in their life that strengthen their faith and commitment to serve. A new initiative for the Knights is called *Cor*. This flexible framework of prayer, small group formation and fraternity helps men focus on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood. The various activities of the organization help support the members to fulfill their Christian responsibilities. Knights involve themselves with the youth, the elderly and other members of the parish through participation in various ministries, events and programs. Knights perform many other good works that enhance the common good through their prayers, charity and service to the poor and the most vulnerable.

I, myself, am a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and have personally witnessed the impact of this Catholic organization on families, our Diocese in particular, and in our society. Knights have been strong partners with priests in the mission of evangelization and are always ready to respond generously when I or their pastor request assistance. Their support for the sanctity and dignity of human life, for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and seminarians has been a significant contribution to the work of our Church.

I encourage all Catholic men to consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our world needs more Catholic gentlemen who can witness to others how to be a good father, a loving husband, a devout Catholic and an active member of the Church. For more information, talk to a member of the Knights of Columbus or for further inquiry you can access membership at www.kofc.org. Join online for free using the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.
Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph

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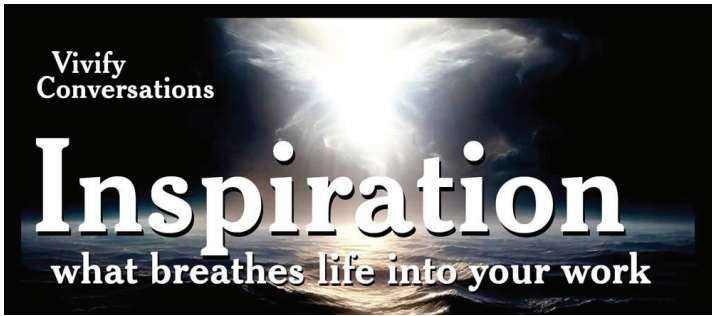
Growing God's Family

STM Knights of Columbus Council #14270



Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Contact Craig at laird.craigs@gmail.com or visit Kofc.org/joinus.

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Sunday, March 22, 2-4pm, in More Hall

STM is hosting a gathering of Catholic creatives (for whom creative expression is prayer) from around the KC metro for a conversation about inspiration, facilitated by STM Music Director, Bob Sandford. We will share stories, lessons learned, poetic images and dwell in God's word. Bring your stories of inspiration and perhaps an example of your work or the work of others, a tool of your creation or an inspiring scripture, poem or prayer.

SPRED

Mondays (Mar. 23), 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.

The Order of Malta & Rockhurst High School present a Faith, Courage and the Triumph of the Rosary

Monday, March 23, 7pm at Rockhurst's Rose Theater

Join Chris Check for a compelling lecture on the Battle of Lepanto, one of the most decisive naval battles in Christian history, inspiring Pope Pius V to establish the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Questions? Please email maltakc@yahoo.com.

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.

Considering becoming Catholic or want to know more?

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

Topic for March 24: *The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell*

Sessions are open to adults and children, baptized and not, Catholic and not. For more information or to sign up, call the parish office at 816-942-2492.

Commandment of the Month: 7th Commandment

"You Shall Not Steal"

This Commandment is a call to greatness and an invitation to participate in God's perfect plan of joy, freedom, and salvation through generosity. It teaches that all of God's creation is intended for everyone's benefit, not just a chosen few.

However, for a variety of reasons, some have too little, and others have too much. Those with too little are likely to struggle in their experience of God's goodness, because they are focusing on surviving. Those with too much are likely to struggle in seeing the goodness of God because they focus on accumulating and safeguarding their possessions, which actually possess them. The 7th Commandment calls us to moderation. To have what we need and also share with those who struggle with the basic necessities. Through moderation and generosity, we participate with God in His plan of salvation for all our brothers and sisters.

During this season of Lent, ponder ways that you can better embrace moderation and by doing so, cultivate a heart of generosity and participate with God in His plan of salvation.

Protecting God's Children Training

Thursday, March 26, 6-9pm in More Hall

Any adult who works or volunteers with minors in our diocese is required to complete this training and a few other items. To begin this process, create an account at virtus.org and follow the prompts. Please contact Joan Sandford, joan@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202, if you have any questions. (The other requirements are listed on this bulletin cover, bottom left.)

Baptism Classes

Tuesdays (April 7 or May 5), 6:30pm in Church

Are you expecting an addition to your family soon? Do you have a young child for whom you are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism? Do you just want to know more? Deacon Tyrone will walk you through what happens when the Baptism takes place and the meaning behind the actions and symbols. The session will be no more than one hour. To register for a session, contact Mary in the parish office, mary@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Fri., Mar. 20 - Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church
Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church
- Sun., Mar. 22 - Inspiration, 2-4pm, More Hall
Blingo, 5:30pm, More Hall
- Mon., Mar. 23 - Children's Choir, 3:15-4:30pm, Choir Loft
SPRED, 6:30-8:30pm, More Hall B/D
Living Waters, 7-9pm, Church
- Tue., Mar. 24 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
- Wed., Mar. 25 - reStart Sack Lunches
Ensemble Rehearsal, 5pm, Church
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Choir Loft
- Thu., Mar. 26 - 3rd Grade Boy Scouts, 6pm, Flanagan Hall
Protecting God's Children, 6-9pm, More Hall
- Fri., Mar. 27 - Men of STM: donuts, 5:45; program, 6:15
Stations of the Cross, 5pm, Church
- Sat., Mar. 28 - KC Hospice Breakfast Ministry
- Sun., Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass
Music Rehearsal, 6pm, Church
- Mon., Mar. 30 - STM Serves at Morning Glory Ministry
Adoration, 9am-5pm, Church
No Children's Choir
Living Waters, 7-9pm, Church
- Tue., Mar. 31 - GIFT, 9-10:30am, Bauman Library
Adoration, 9:30am-9pm, Church
OCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A
- Wed., Apr. 1 - reStart Sack Lunches
Adoration, 9am-4pm
Grief Peer Support, 4-5pm, Bauman Library
Ensemble Rehearsal, 5pm, Church
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm, Choir Loft
- Thu., Apr. 2 - Holy Thursday
Adoration, 9:30am-6pm
No morning Mass
Parish Office closes early
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm
- Fri., Apr. 3 - No Adoration or morning Mass
Parish Office Closed
Stations of the Cross, Noon, Church
Evening Service, 7pm
Holy Land Collection
- Sat., Apr. 4 - No morning or 4pm Mass
No morning or afternoon Confessions
Blue River Rd Clean-up
Easter Vigil Service, 8pm
- Sat.-Sun., Apr. 4-5 - Monthly Food Drive, Narthex
- Sun., Apr. 5 - Easter Sunday!
Easter Egg Hunt, More Hall
No Children's Liturgy of the Word
Adoration, Noon-3pm, Church



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

Mar. 23 - Students return from Spring Break

Fri., Mar. 27 - Stations of the Cross, 2pm, Church

Thu., Apr. 2 - Early Dismissal (12:30pm)

Fri., Apr. 3 - No School

STM School Registration: Grades K-8

Enrollment is open March 23-31 for new students.

K-8 Tuition & Fees

Registration Fee: \$500/student, non-refundable

The Cost of Education per student is \$9200.

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 - Visit brightfuturesfund.org (until April) to complete an application. 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.

For more information, call the school office.

Egg My Yard for Easter

Celebrate Easter morning with a joyful surprise for your family, while supporting our parish Scouts. STM Troop 601 is offering "Egg My Yard," a special fundraiser where Scouts will place colorful eggs in your yard the evening before Easter, rain or shine. Your children or grandchildren can wake up to a fun and festive egg hunt. And parents can enjoy one less thing to prepare. All proceeds help support sending Troop 601 to summer camp. To participate, please visit stm601.com. Thanks for supporting our Scouts and parish community.

New Parish Staff Member and Position/Role

After much prayerful consideration and discernment, I am pleased to announce that Kyle Kuckelman has agreed to inaugurate a new staff position here at St. Thomas More, that of Parish Mission Director. Kyle comes to us with considerable experience and background as he currently works in leadership of the Youth Office in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and previously at the St. Lawrence Campus Center and Prince of Peace Parish in Olathe.



A natural question is, what does a Director of Mission do in a Catholic parish? My vision for this position is analogous to the role of principal in a parish school. As the principal is responsible for curriculum, staff development and supervision of school staff under the leadership of the pastor, so the Mission Director will be responsible for development and renewal of parish programs and ministries as well as the recruitment and supervision of the pastoral staff.

I am grateful for the excellent work of our current and recently retired parish staff. We are at an opportune moment in our parish history to chart some new paths forward as well as renew and strengthen existing programs and ministries.

Please join me in welcoming Kyle when he begins, and let us pray for the ongoing strength and growth of St. Thomas More Parish.

- Fr. Matt Rotert, Pastor

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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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 the Ombudsman at ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org or 816-213-6024.

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 Anita Wagner†
3/23
- Tues: **6:15AM Ann Verhulst†**
3/24 8:15AM Anastasia Kornis†
- Wed: **6:15AM Nurses**
3/25 8:15AM Marlene Miceli†
- Thur: **6:15AM Medical Technicians**
3/26 8:15AM Bishop James Johnston
- Fri: **8:15AM Thomas Fahey†**
3/27
- Sat: 4:00PM Nino Gurera†
3/28
- Sun: **7:30AM Our Parishioners**
3/29 9:00AM Fred Hess Jr†
11:00AM Joseph F Rozell†

† 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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