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BULLETIN ONLINE

this and last week's at stmkc.com

PUBLIC MASSES

WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 6:15am & 8:15am,
Sat 8:15am.

WEEKEND: Sat 4pm, Sun, 7:30am, 9am
& 11am.

MASS ONLINE CONTINUES

RECONCILIATION (IN THE CHAPEL)

Individual Confessions:

Saturdays, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm

OUR CLERGY

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor

Father Kendall Ketterlin, Parochial Vicar

Father Andrew Kleine, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Benjamin Fenlon, Transitional Deacon

AT THE PARISH OFFICE

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults are required to:

- Complete an application (if new in ministry)
- Attend a Protecting God's Children workshop
- 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.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm in the church



Volunteers needed

If you or your group/family would like to lead one evening, contact Craig at laird.craigs@gmail.com or 816-898-2478.

Schedule

- March 4 - Led by the Knights of Columbus
- March 11 - Led by the STM SPRED group
- March 18 - (available)
- March 25 - Led by Kathy Thomas' 4th grade class
- April 1 - (available)
- April 8 - (available)



Daylight Savings begins next weekend

{SET CLOCKS AHEAD}

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN: A TIME TO BE BORN, AND A TIME TO DIE; A TIME TO PLANT, AND A TIME TO PLUCK UP THAT WHICH IS PLANTED; A TIME TO KILL, AND A TIME TO HEAL; A TIME TO BREAK DOWN, AND A TIME TO BUILD UP; A TIME TO WEEP, AND A TIME TO LAUGH; A TIME TO MOURN, AND A TIME TO DANCE...

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

I want to offer a word of thanks to a number of my staff - my fellow clergy, as well as Sharon Arnett and David Butel - who helped orchestrate numerous services on site and in local residential facilities this Ash Wednesday. If you were here on Wednesday, you know we did brisk business welcoming the faithful into these forty days of Spirit-led reflection.

A number of Lenten activities are already in full swing, including fish fries (Fridays in More Hall, 5-7PM); community-led Stations of the Cross (Fridays in the church @ 5:30PM); and our \$20 for Lent campaign. Our STM School junior high students are beginning weekly time in Eucharistic Adoration, and all students will experience weekly Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten formation. Father Ketterlin's Lenten course begins this Tuesday at 7PM in More Hall (walk-ins welcome).

Lent is also the homestretch for those preparing to enter the Church this Easter. Many of those in discernment with us at STM will be at the Rite of Election this weekend with Bishop Johnston, and next weekend we will start celebrating the Scrutinies with them at the 9AM Mass. Please keep these men, women and children in your prayers.

Registrations for new STM School families to join us in the 2022-23 School Year began this Wednesday. Enrollment lasts for the next three weeks (see page 9 for dates and times).

Father Justin

P.S. It goes without saying, but our continued prayers for the people of Ukraine and the growing tension in Eastern Europe are worthy of our time. Jesus makes it clear that there are some destructive spirits that are only thwarted by prayer (Mark 9:29). Let us do our part.



Come Home to Communion



Regular Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday, 6:15am & 8:15am

Saturday, 8:15am;
4pm vigil Mass

Sunday, 7:30am, 9am & 11am
Masks continue to be encouraged and available, and the

chapel, cry room and narthex remain open for social distancing. Masses are recorded daily and available at stmkc.com and on youtube.stmkc.com.

The Light is On for You

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room:

Saturdays, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-6pm

Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm

Church Hours for Private Prayer

Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm*

Saturdays: 7am-5pm; Sundays: 7am-9pm

***The church is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2-3pm when school is in session, for school Masses.**

Pray the Rosary with Others

Sundays (through Lent)

All are invited to pray with the Knights of Columbus after 9am Mass.

World Apostolate of Fatima Devotions at STM

Saturday, March 5

STM is hosting the local World Apostolate of Fatima and their first Saturday devotions. Along with their presence at 8:15am Mass, their gathering will include a second priest hearing confessions during the 7:15-8am confession time and a rosary prayed in church following the Mass.

Fresh Fire

Fridays (Mar. 18, Apr. 1), 7-9pm

Participate in praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration and experience the power of Jesus' healing presence. "I have come to set the earth on fire, and wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49.

Stations of the Cross - Outdoors & Indoors

Pray the Stations through Lent, around the track behind the school (when school is not in session) or in the church. In the church, prayers are on the walls with the Stations and booklets are available. Pray the Stations alone, with the family or with a few friends.

Stations of the Cross will also be led by different STM ministry groups on Fridays in Lent, at 5:30pm in the church. **Plan to join the Knights of Columbus on March 4 and SPRED on March 11.**

School of Love - Family Daily Prayer

Visit schoolofloveusa.com to sign up for "Pier" daily prayer assistance. The Blog is a resource designed to help parents lead the family daily prayer easily, successfully, & continually. Subscribers get prayer delivered daily via email. Or you may choose the Podcast, a jumping-off point designed to help your family build the daily habit of family prayer. Subscribe through your preferred podcast service to get prayer daily. (The School of Love began in the KCKS Archdiocese and has recently gone national.)

Weekly Lent Reflections

Each week, reflections on the Psalms will be posted on catholiccharities-kcsj.org/lent2022/.

24 Hours for the Lord

Friday, March 25, 10am to Saturday, March 26, 10am
Holy Cross Parish, located at 5106 St John Ave, KCMO 64123, is hosting this year's event in Kansas City. Sponsored by the Office of Divine Worship, the event includes 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. For details, contact Lorie Sage at 816-756-1850 x242 or sage@diocesekcsj.org.

Knights of Malta: Mass for the Sick

Saturday, March 26, 10am at Cure of Ars Parish

Archbishop Naumann and Bishop Johnston will celebrate Mass including a ritual blessing of the sick in the manner done at Lourdes, France. Reconciliation will be offered 9-4:45am.

Individuals who are sick, suffering or chronically ill--and their caregivers--are encouraged to attend. Everyone who attends will receive prayer cards and Lourdes water to take home. A short reception will be held after Mass.

Those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are asked to please email their name to maltakansascity@gmail.com or call Doug at 913-620-1759.

Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, BULLETIN@STMKC.COM OR 942-2492 X202, TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST. IF YOUR NAME IS DROPPED OFF AND YOU ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. **NAMES APPEAR EVERY OTHER WEEK.**

...our family and friends in the military:

Nick Alder
Drew Belzer

J.D. Corless
Mike Dean

Luke Jokerst
Jonathan Kennaley

Zach Love
Patrick Rogers

Mallory Witcher
Christopher Yates

...our parishioners who are sick:

Walt Accurso
Mary Sue Adams
Tom Bauer
Jim Brooks
Michael Bua

Victor Caruso
Rose Marie Clifford
Chatten Cowherd
Dottie Dick
Bill Fields

Jack Fisher
David Fromme
Nino Gurera
Grace Herrera
Katherine Long

Raquel Martinez
Jenny Mertes
Patrick Miller
Lynn Nelson

Adaugo Otuwurunne
Dolores Rabuse
Linda Shaffer
Sam Snider

...our family and friends who are sick:

Kevin Carey
Jessie Carpenter
Dalton Casady
Rachael Casady-Smith

Dian Wiseman Eluik
Lorraine Green
James Harms
Tom Huppe

Ralph Layton
Richard Layton
Noel Mehlo

Dan Meiners
Maria Preuss
Whitney Swanson

Vivien Marielle Tafuro
Frank Willis family

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

Menorah: Bill Mauer

Care & Support

Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

O Prince of Peace, once more we hear the guns of war, once more we see the faces of frightened children. We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be granted peace; we pray for the people of Russia, that they may demand peace; we pray for our country, that we may be a positive part of peacemaking in this world. O Prince of Peace, lead us from this dark time to a deeper understanding of the global human family, so all may break bread together in the secure embrace of peace. Amen
~ Jane Deren, Ph.D.

Relief for the People of Ukraine

The dreadful war in Ukraine is causing untold suffering. Mindful of the Lord's commission to care for those who are hurting, our local Church is directing those who wish to help to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the international assistance agency of the USCCB. Visit the CRS website at crs.org/ for information on how to help.

Community Conversations Continue

First Monday of Each Month: March 7

Journey to Bethany, a diocesan ministry focusing on healing from sexual abuse, will continue to host conversations on Zoom. For more information, please visit journeytobethany.org/conversations/. If you register at this site, you will be sent the Zoom link. For additional information about Journey to Bethany, contact Jennifer Prusa, Director, at jprusa@journeytobethany.org or 816-683-8999.

To access the first Conversation (on February 22), visit [youtube.com/watch?v=TJSDNKe41IM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJSDNKe41IM).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

March 18-20 (Friday-Sunday) in Carthage

A WWME weekend offers five proven tools to help couples thrive as they navigate hills and valleys along the way. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit wwme.org or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066 or tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

The Towel of Saint Veronica Apostolate

The Apostolate is a private association of the faithful ministry of mercy for priests who have lost a loved one. The goal is to provide an avenue for the laity particularly, but not exclusively, to show and express compassion, through messages of consolation and assurances of prayers, to priests who have lost a loved one. For more information, contact Lorie Sage at 816-807-8835 or hailmaryjmj@gmail.com.



Fish Fry Fridays are back!

Fridays of Lent (March 4, 11, 25; April 1, 8), 5-7pm

Are you ready to dine in? Do you prefer a to-go meal? Both are available, so plan to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Boy Scout parents. The menu includes baked and fried fish, fried shrimp, potatoes, corn, green beans, cole slaw, french fries and rolls. Cheese pizza is also available for the kids. The cost is \$10/senior, \$12/adult and \$35/family.

Girl Scouts will have great desserts available for \$1 each and, new this year, the Knights will offer beer and wine, \$5/drink.

Food Drive This Weekend

March 5-6 in the Narthex

Our monthly food drive helps people who are struggling to put food on their tables. Please bring the following items: canned tuna and meats, low-sodium canned soups and vegetables, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, dry milk, boxed meals, pasta and sauce, canned fruits, peanut butter, jelly, rice, jello, condiments, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items, and paper goods. Monetary donations are also helpful!

If you want to support Seton Center online, you can make a financial contribution at setonkc.org.

A portion of our food drive goes to the local food pantry at First Baptist Church which helps people in the Red Bridge area.

\$20 for Lent

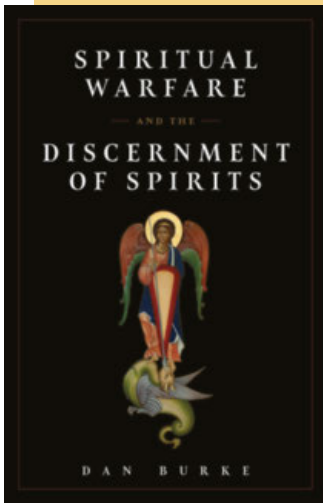
This Lent, the Faith in Action Team once again invites Saint Thomas More parishioners to participate in our annual \$20 for Lent campaign. This year, the funds collected will go to support the following agencies:

- **Project Cure/The Mission Warehouse Project** in cooperation with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist in Independence, MO. They ship medical supplies to clinics in developing countries.
- **Synergy Services** which provides resources for youth who may be homeless or may not have a stable home life.
- **Alexandra's House** that ministers to families with babies or unborn children with severe medical issues.

Please consider donating \$20 toward this effort. Place your contribution in the envelopes located in the card holders in the pews. You can then put your donation in the Sunday collection or bring it to the parish office.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

5 TUESDAYS, BEGINNING THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 7-8PM IN MORE HALL



PLEASE REGISTER

...ahead of time so you will have the book before the first session. To register, contact Father Kendall Ketterlin, frketterlin@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492.

Copies of *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits*, by Dan Burke are provided to those who register. We will also be drawing from John Cassian, Origin of Alexandria, and Alphonsus Liguori.

23 REGISTERED SO FAR

WALK-INS WELCOME

1 | MARCH 8 | INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

Spiritual warfare is not only about Rosaries and prayers to Saint Michael. These are some of its most potent weapons, but as Cassian reminds his monks: without the use of discretion, even the holiest and stoutest of monks can be brought down. More than a pitched battle, spiritual warfare is about listening and being attentive to the presence of God and His angels and identifying the attempts of the evil spirits to draw us from the path our Father created for us. We will begin opening this world of discernment and the spiritual life looking at the Church Fathers and our long-standing tradition in discerning God's presence and Will.

2 | MARCH 15 | THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DISCERNMENT

God is speaking to us in every moment and is attentive to even the smallest details of our life. Once we turn our attention toward the discernment of spirits, we quickly find that almost everything we've been taught and have done in discernment is wrong. The first part in re-shifting our attention is to recall the key ingredients: identifying consolations and desolations; using and being guided by virtue, discerning along the way through God's blessings and our companions; and being confident that God is speaking in every moment.

3 | MARCH 22 | RULES 1-4: IDENTIFYING DESOLATION AND CONSOLATION

We begin to look closely at Saint Ignatius' Rules of Discernment. In the beginning, the focus lies in identifying desolations and consolations, and choosing to flee desolation while pursuing consolation.

4 | MARCH 29 | RULES 5-9: RESPONDING TO DESOLATION

In rules five through nine, Saint Ignatius focuses his attention on the challenge of responding to desolation. While the basic advice is to avoid making decisions while we are in desolation, Saint Ignatius and others offer practical insight in how to actually respond and how these desolations can help one move closer to God.

5 | APRIL 5 | RULES 10-14: STRENGTHENING AND GROWING IN DISCERNMENT

In the final session, we look at the final rules that Saint Ignatius gives us, as well as how this discernment also helps us in our relationships, responding in day-to-day situations, and in deepening our spiritual life all together.

Big Fish Musical

March 10-12 (Thurs.-Sat.), 7pm and Sat. at 2pm

The Culture House School of Theater is performing this whimsical and fun musical at the Goppert Theater at Avila University. Rehearsing since Thanksgiving, this musical promises to be a well-performed, family-friendly show with a large cast.

Four of Tom Bauer's grandchildren are in the cast, the two oldest with the male leads: Edward and Will! (You might remember Andre who sang at Marie's--Tom's wife's--funeral Mass.)

The Goppert Theater is located on the west side of the Avila campus, off Wornall Road. Tickets can be purchased at culturehouse.getmytix.net. Reserved seats are \$13.04/adult (including taxes and fees) and \$10.85/child 18 and under. What a great way to experience the new Avila theater while supporting young actors!

Funeral Lunch Help Needed

Lunches are provided after many of the funerals held here at STM. The luncheon team in charge of the 4th week of each month needs more people to help set up, cook and serve the food and clean up afterwards. Total time commitment for each lunch is usually 2-3 hours. For more information, contact David at the parish office, 816-942-2492 x210 or dbutel@stmkc.com.

Catholic Charities' Celebration of Hope Gala

Saturday, April 9

This year's event is being held live at Starlight or you may host a virtual party! Tickets for both kinds of parties are available at catholiccharitiesgala.org. Tickets for Starlight are \$250/individual. Virtual food/drink options are available: desserts & wine, BBQ & beverages, or full dinner with appetizers, desserts & drinks.

Climate Change Report

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report on February 28 which laid out in stark terms the devastating damage that climate change is causing throughout the world. One thing that can be done to help counteract climate change is restoration of forests. Trees help remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in the ground. One simple action you can take is to help plant trees this spring, either on your property or with Bridging the Gap, bridgingthegap.org/btgevents/.

Saint Joseph Day: Saturday, March 19

The Committee members and Chair have agreed to cancel the event, for everyone's safety. If anyone would want to contribute a monetary donation in Saint Joseph's honor, for those in need, contact Angie DiFidi 816-885-9027.

February Financials

Regular - \$210,504.76	Plate - \$1,745.37
Facilities - \$2,150.30	School - \$2,720.55
Education Fund - \$1,272.50	
Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance - \$3,314.00	
Catholic Home Missions - \$2,790.38	

Thank you for your contributions!

2021 Contribution Statements

This year, to minimize the use of paper, Contribution Statements for the 2021 calendar year were **emailed** to parishioners who had an email address on file with the parish. (Note: Make sure to check your spam folder if you have not seen yours in your inbox!) If you did not receive yours, would like a hard copy of your statement, or have questions concerning your statement, contact our Finance Coordinator, Becky Johnson, at 816-942-2492 x224 or becky@stmkc.com. Statements went out in mid-January.

Bulletin Board

For Sale: 2 walkers (one stand-up, one sitting) and battery-operated Zimmer chair. Rarely used. Half price. Call Judge Mauer at 816-729-8011.

Used car wanted: Looking for an affordable older car for sale in the STM area. Please contact Kathy at 816-308-6185 or kaherbert2004@yahoo.com.

Parish Calendar of Events

Thurs., Mar. 3 - RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall
Knights' Officer mtg., 7pm, More Hall
Fri., Mar. 4 - Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall
Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
Sat., Mar. 5 - Fatima First Saturday Devotions, 7:15-10am
RCIA Rite of Election, 7pm, Cathedral
Sun., Mar. 6 - Seton Center/Red Bridge Food Drive
Girl Scout Sunday
Mon., Mar. 7 - STM serves at One City Cafe, 4:15-6:15pm
Living Waters, 7-9:30pm
Tues., Mar. 8 - Discernment of Spirits begins, 7-8pm
Thurs., Mar. 10 - Sacramental Prep, 6:30-7:30, The Peak
RCIA, 7-8:30pm, Church
Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall
Fri., Mar. 11 - No STM School; Spring Break begins
Scout Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall
Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm
Mon., Mar. 14 - More Friends St. Patrick's party, 5:30pm
Living Waters, 7-9:30pm
Tues., Mar. 15 - Discernment of Spirits, 7-8pm
Wed., Mar. 16 - Uplift Cooking, 1-3pm
Thurs., Mar. 17 - RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall
Fri., Mar. 18 - No Fish Fry
Fresh Fire, 7-9pm, Church

RCIA/Catholic Update

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm; Mar. 3-Hall, Mar. 10-Church

March 17, Session 24: Sacraments of Healing and Union

We will learn of the work of healing as the purpose of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. We will also explore how in receiving Holy Communion, we have the physical union with Christ.

Contact Father Ketterlin if you or a friend are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or joining the Church: frketterlin@stmkc.com or 816-756-6570.

Rite of Election - Saturday, March 5, 7pm

This ritual is held at the Cathedral and marks the final phase of preparation for catechumens preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation.

Please remember the STM catechumens and candidates in your prayers on Saturday and through Lent: Dave & Renee Bednarczyk, Philip Dauma, Tamira Espinoza and children (Alana, Anthony, Annalicia), Claudia Merino-Olano, and Susan Soloducha.

Men Under Construction

Catholic Men's Conference

Sat., March 5, 6:45am-3:45pm, Ascension Church

Attend Mass at 7:15am with Archbishop Naumann. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 11:30am. Light breakfast and lunch are included. Church of the Ascension is located at 9510 W. 127th St, Overland Park, KS 66213.

Speakers include: KCKS Archbishop Joseph Naumann; actor Jim Caviezel; author Devin Schadt; author/apologist/speaker Jim Blackburn (Catholic Answers Live on radio); author Tyler Rowley; retired Air Force/SW Airlines pilot Dave Prather.

Register at menunderconstruction.org Cost is \$40/adult and \$20/student.

Arise Women's Conference

Saturday, March 5, 8:30am-4:30pm

Young adult women (ages 21-40) are invited to the Faustina Building, 3934 Washington St., KCMO 64111. The overall goal of Arise is to allow women to be inspired and grow in holiness by providing specific formation on and how young adult women are living out and can live out their lay apostolates. We desire to build up the Catholic community in KC and inspire women to live on mission through their God given apostolate! To purchase tickets, Google "Arise Women's Conference 2022 Kansas City." For more information, email Samantha Baker at sisterhood@kansascityonahill.org.

More Friends (for parishioners 55+)

2022 Membership

A \$10 check, payable to STM More Friends, with "Membership 2022" in the memo line can be dropped off at the parish office. It can also be mailed or dropped in the collection basket at weekend Mass. Please include name(s) and a phone number! For additional information, please email MaryAnn who is heading up membership: masmithkc44@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Day Party: Monday, March 14, 5:30pm

Make a reservation today to enjoy an evening with More Friends! To RSVP, call Joan at 816-260-5086 and drop off checks (\$10/person, payable to More Friends) at the parish office or in the weekend Mass collection basket. Please use a separate envelope and write "St. Patrick" in the memo line.

Synod on Synodality Input Form

If you were unable to attend one of our Listening Sessions here at the parish, you can still give your input. Go to kcsjatholic.org/synod2021-2023/, and click on the Individual Input Form link. If you would like to participate in a group session, other parishes around the diocese have posted their dates on the website listed above. You are welcome to attend them!

Carmelite Spirituality

Website: stmkc.com, Click on Faith Formation

Father Kendall begins each session with 8:15am Mass, followed by a brief period of Adoration and a presentation. Each session stands alone, so feel free to jump in any time!

Upcoming Dates (Saturdays), 8:15am Mass-10am

March 19 - Topic: Saint Joseph, Head of the Holy Family

April 23

May 14

June 11

Retreat at Conception Abbey

To make a reservation for a retreat or for a stay at the Abbey, call 660-944-2809 or email guests@conception.edu. Web address: conceptionabbey.org/guests/.

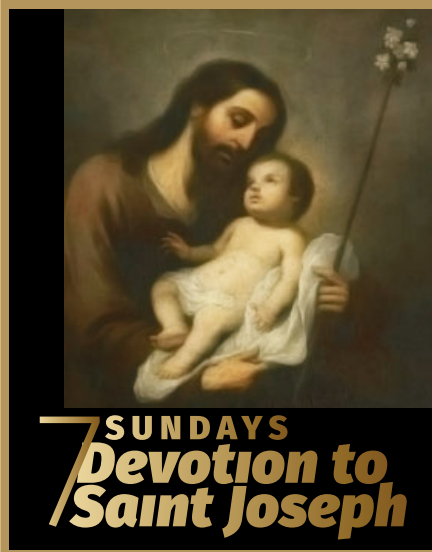
Stop, Look, and Listen: March 25-27

Brother Cyprian Langlois, OSB will lead participants to reflect on how to stop, as resting in the Lord; to look, as sharpening our faith vision; to listen, as fine tuning our faith-hearing in our daily lives. See how to practice mindfulness and awareness of God's presence.

Seven Sundays Devotion

6TH SUNDAY - MARCH 6

SORROW IN THE RETURN FROM EGYPT AND JOY IN LIFE WITH JESUS AND MARY IN NAZARETH



Weekly prayers and a short video reflection by one of our clergy are posted on the STM website, stmkc.com.

*When praying the Seven Sundays devotion, it is customary to pray **for a specific intention**, asking Saint Joseph's powerful intercession for your needs.*

Introductory Prayer

O glorious Saint Joseph, you marveled to see the King of heaven obedient to your commands. Your consolation in bringing Jesus out of the land of Egypt was troubled by your fear of Archelaus. Nevertheless, being assured by an angel, you lived in gladness at Nazareth with Jesus and Mary. By this sorrow and this joy, obtain for us that our hearts may be delivered from harmful fears, so that we may rejoice in peace of conscience and may live with Jesus and Mary, and, like you, may die in their company.

Gospel Reading | Matthew 2:19-23; Luke 2:40

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose

and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Conclude

...with the Litany to Saint Joseph and the short video reflection on the parish website: stmkc.com.

Note: Hard copies of the Litany are available in the narthex.

City on a Hill (COAH)

Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

Web Address: kansascityonahill.org

CCS Kickball League: Registration now open!

Saturday mornings, March 19-May 14

Ring in spring by playing CCS (Catholic Challenge Sports) kickball! Sign up online soon. The cost is \$45/person. Can't commit to the whole season? Sign up for the sub list!

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is the women's small group offering. There

are groups for everyone: all areas of the city, all stages of life, most days of the week! To learn more or ask to join a group, email sisterhood@kansascityonahill.org

Band of Brothers

Just moved to Kansas City or looking for a community of men? Join a Band of Brothers group today! Email bandofbrothers.COAH@gmail.com to learn more or get plugged in!

Podcasts - Season 3 Available

Visit the COAH website or go to your favorite podcast platform and search "City on a Hill: Kansas City."

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL



School Dates

- **Thurs., Mar. 10** - Last day of 3rd Quarter
- **Fri., Mar. 11** - No School; Diocesan Professional Development Day for teachers
- **Friday, March 11-Monday, March 21** - Spring Break

2022-23 STM School Registration

New student registration has begun! Documents needed for new students include:

- A parish tithing pledge for 2022 must be on file, if an STM parishioner
- Up-to-date immunization records
- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate, if baptized
- Request for transcripts from previous schools, if applicable

Families may register at the school on:

- Wednesday, March 9, 9-10:30am
- Thursday, March 10, 9-10:30am
- Wednesday, March 23, 9-10:30am
- Wednesday, March 23, 4-5:30pm
- Thursday, March 24, 9-10:30am
- Wednesday, March 30, 9-10:30am
- Thursday, March 31, 9-10:30am

Congratulations & Blessings on Future Games!

Last weekend five of our basketball teams advanced to play in the City Championships at Saint Pius High School THIS weekend (March 4-5). Teams still playing, listed with their game times, are:

- 6th Girls (Nickle) - Friday, 7:15pm
- 5th Girls (Robert) - Saturday, 10:45am
- 5th Grade Boys (Lenihan) - Saturday, 1:15pm
- 8th Grade B Boys (Struby) - Saturday, 3:15pm
- 6th Grade A Boys (Waris) - Saturday, 6pm

Spring Break Camp Opportunity with Camp MACC

March 14-18 (Monday-Friday) at BoysGrow Farm

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Safe Environment Update

For anyone who has had an account on virtus.org for 5+ years, there were some changes on January 31. If you did not receive an email, please check your spam, clutter and/or junk folders or just log in to your account. Anything that needs to be done will be noted.

Volunteers have through March to complete the additional tasks and once again become Virtus compliant. Questions? Contact Joan Sandford or Meredith Blair (see contact info on page 10).

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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, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-812-2500 if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City~Saint Joseph.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Advocate** at victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org or 816-392-0011 for more information.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, contact:

Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202, OR

Meredith Blair, School Safe Environment Coordinator, blair_meredith@stmcyclones.org or 942-5581.

Mass Intentions


- Mon: **6:15AM Nurses**
3/7 8:15AM Mary Maskill[†]
- Tues: **6:15AM Mary Kate Hughes[†]**
3/8 8:15AM Alta Feuerborn[†]
- Wed: **6:15AM Dec'd members of Dalton/Dolan family[†]**
3/9 8:15AM Mario & Josephine Brancato[†]
- Thur: **6:15AM Doctors**
3/10 8:15AM Margaret Ewing[†]
- Fri: **6:15AM Firefighters**
3/11 8:15AM Brian Muldoon[†]
- Sat: **8:15AM Jerry Meiners[†]**
3/12 4:00AM Matthew McCullough[†]
- Sun: **7:30AM Forrest Wombwell[†]**
3/13 9:00AM Parishioners of Saint Thomas More
11:00AM Marie Bauer[†]

[†]Deceased

SCRIPTURE READINGS
For the daily readings, visit usccb.org/bible/reading. Have the readings sent to your email each day, hear the readings read to you, or watch a video with a reflection based on the readings.




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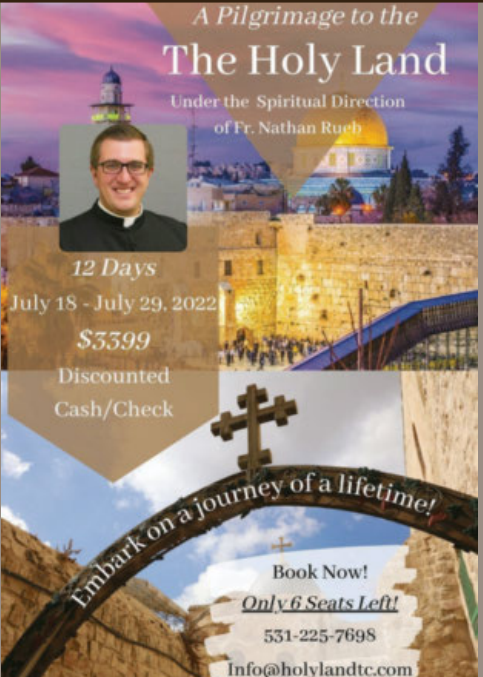
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