

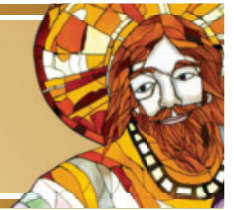


OUR **MISSION** IS TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, AND LOVING COMMUNITY BY PROCLAIMING AND LIVING GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

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March 27, 2022



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

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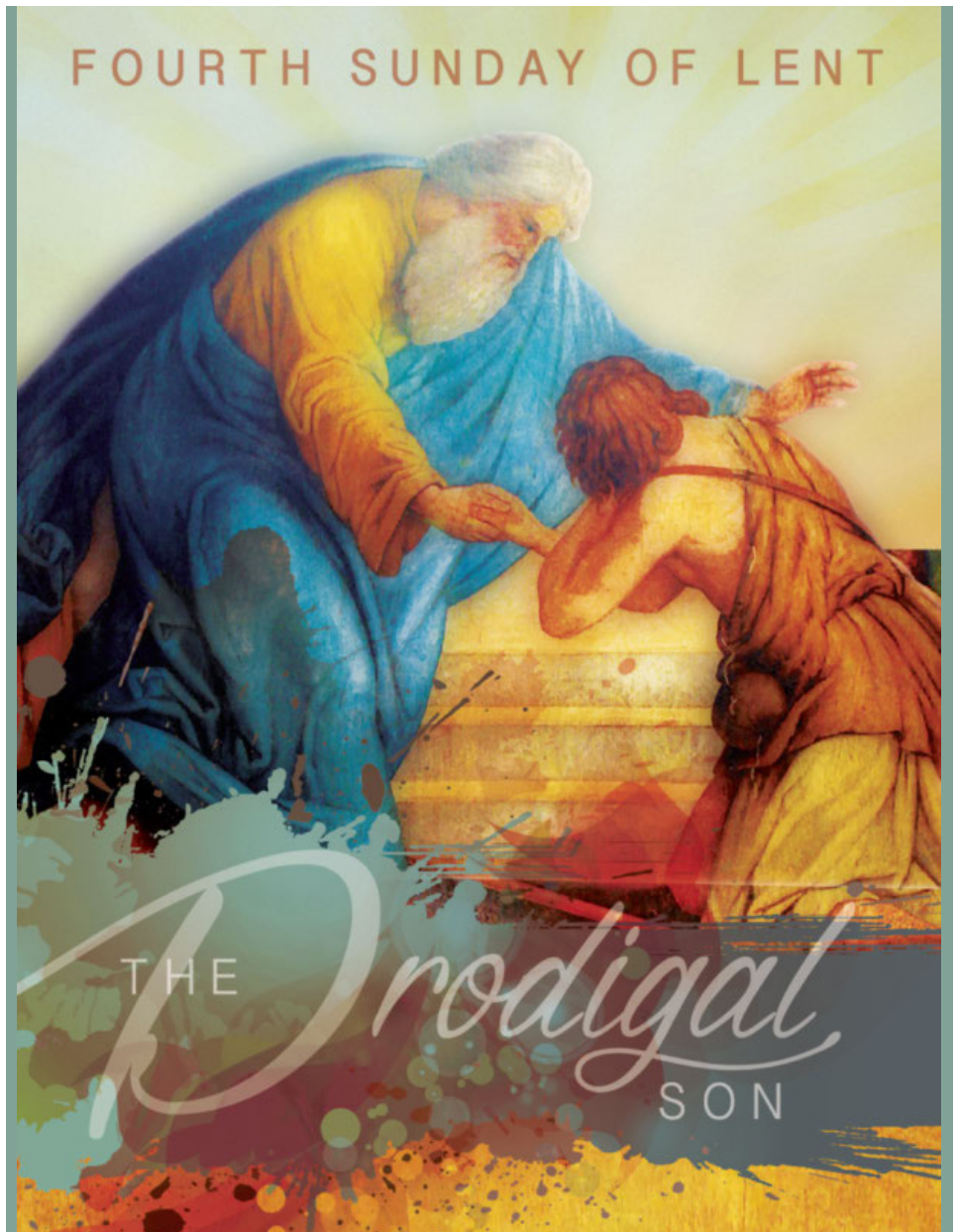
SCHOOL TOURS: contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at 816-942-5581 or crosthwait_linda@stmkcyclones.org

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.



“An Encounter with Grace”

A Lenten Simple Supper

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 5:30 – 7:00PM

Please RSVP by Monday, March 28

to Mary at 816-942-2492 or
to Marla at mjbyrne0926@swbell.net



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

This week has been a busy one for our school community, celebrating Vocations' Day with our 5th graders on Wednesday, and holding Reconciliation Services for the school on Friday. A reminder that we have **four** scheduled confession times every week at STM: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6PM; and Saturdays, 7:15-8AM and 3-3:45PM. These times will also be in place during Holy Week (Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday).

Next Wednesday we have a Simple Supper as one of our Lenten offerings. The evening - focused on the theme of grace - will be a mix of teaching, music, testimony, reflection, and sharing, all within the context of a light meal. RSVPs are helpful so enough food is prepared! See page 8 for additional details.

Father Justin

P.S. Included in this bulletin (pages 6-7) is the Act of Consecration that Pope Francis is offering for Ukraine and Russia this Friday, March 25th. For those of you who will view the bulletin online, ahead of the weekend, consider joining the Holy Father and all the faithful of the world on this Solemnity of the Annunciation, seeking the intercessory protection and guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, April 5, 6pm at Visitation

Prayer Intentions

Pope Francis: We pray for Christians facing new bio-ethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Bishop Johnston: For families who have been impacted by the tragedy of suicide.

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.**

Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm

Pray the Rosary with Others

Sundays (through Lent)

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

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 are led by different STM ministry groups on **Fridays in Lent, at 5:30pm in the church.**

School of Love - Family Daily Prayer

Visit schoolofloveusa.com to sign up for "Pier" daily prayer assistance. You may choose The Blog or the Podcast. Either way, you can subscribe for a daily reminder. (The School of Love began in the KCKS Archdiocese and has recently gone national.)

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 at 816-756-1850 x242 or sage@diocesekcsj.org.

One Family RESTORED IN CHRIST, EQUIPPED FOR MISSION



Healing Our Family

Tending wounds and accompanying hearts to freedom in Christ

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 are available. The chapel, cry room and narthex remain

open for social distancing. Masses are recorded daily and posted to stmkc.com and youtube.stmkc.com.

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

Sunday, March 27, 3-4:15pm

Meet at St. Mary/St. Anthony Parish, 615 7th Street, KCKS 66101 to pray the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, followed by Benediction and the opportunity to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For more information, visit rosaryrallieskc.org or call Jim at 913-951-1551.

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 9-9:45am.

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 email their name to mal-takansascity@gmail.com or call Doug at 913-620-1759.

Fresh Fire

Friday, April 1, 7-9pm

Encounter the Lord in a new and fresh way...a candlelit evening of praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration and procession, personal testimony and prayer teams.

Care & Support

Consecration of Ukraine & Russia

Pope Francis recently announced he will consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, March 25, the feast of the Annunciation.

In union with the Holy Father's prayer, Bishop Johnston will also consecrate the two countries at 11am on March 25 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. All are welcome to join in person or in spirit at this time in prayer.

Visit kcsjatholic.org for more details, parking information and ways to participate. Follow @DioceseKCSJ on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.

Community Conversations Continue

First Monday of Each Month: April 4, 6:30-8pm

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.

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:

David Baska
Seth Gulsby

John Hylander
Steve Janner

Sarah Katz
Bobby Murphy

Brian Owara
Alycia Pouch

Nathan Pouch
John P. Sullivan

...our parishioners who are sick:

Karen Kennaley Byrnes
Helen Cooke
Andrea Donigan
Dee Giedinghagen
Carol Gretencord

Lola Jacobs
Bernard Janner
Jim Karl
Sue Karl
Michael Kennaley

Michele Kerwin
Patricia Lillis
Dennis McKee
Jackie Nelson

Monica Nelson
Lenny Passantino
Anita Schroeder
Ed Thomas

Anita Wagner
Butch Wagner

...our family and friends who are sick:

Michael Carollo
Mike Carnelia
Patrick Caskey
Nancy Dycus

Mark Guyut
Renee Herman
Jerry Hornbeck
Bob Kennaley

Jerry Kuenzel
Greg Larm
Rosa Marsh
Denise Adams Mehlo

Jenn Miller
Bill Newell
Beth O'Connor
Al Safady

Rex Suman
Peter Thompson
Tony Torchia
Vicki Dugas Walton

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

Village Shalom: Bill Mauer

...our family and friends who have died:

Andy Soloducha, brother of Alex Soloducha; Dan Ziegler, brother of Joe Ziegler

Fish Fry Fridays

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

Get a meal to go or dine in More Hall. Either way, the food prepared by the Boy Scout parents is delicious! 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 have great desserts available for \$1 each and the Knights offer beer and wine, \$5/drink.

Catholic Relief Service (CRS) - March 27

For over 70 years, CRS has worked with organizations around the world to help poor and vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture, and access affordable health care. Your donations to this fund will help provide humanitarian aid, resettle displaced individuals and families, and provide legal and advocacy services for migrants. Visit crs.org or uscgb.org (search "Catholic Relief Services Collection") to learn how you make a difference.

Proceeds Distributed from Saint Joseph Day Events

Over the past 49 years, money has been collected for the Saint Joseph Table and used to help others in need. Those who benefitted from these funds include:

- Saint Thomas More's Neighbors in Need
- Saint Thomas More's Pastor Fund
- Saint Thomas More's Boy Scout Troop
- Saint Catherine's Food Pantry
- Saint James' Food Pantry
- Sister Servants of Mary
- Bishop Sullivan Center
- Uplift
- Guatemala Trust
- Operation Breakthrough

Thank you for your continued support!

- Angie DiFidi

\$20 for 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. Visit projectcure.org.

- **Synergy Services** which provides resources for youth who may be homeless or may not have a stable home life. Visit synergyservices.org.
- **Alexandra's House** that ministers to families with babies or unborn children with severe medical issues. Visit alexandrashouse.com.

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

Food Drive Next Weekend

April 2/3 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. Click on the donate tab.

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

Film on the Development of the Divine Mercy Devotion

Sun., April 3, 3-5:30pm or Tues., April 5, 6:30-9pm

Learn about the development of the Divine Mercy Devotion leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday following Easter, through a film produced in 2019 titled *Love and Mercy: Faustina*.

This Feast, first established by Saint John Paul in the year 2000, had a turbulent start. This film is age appropriate for 8th grade and above.

Both showings will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Smithville. Please RSVP to Deacon Michael Koile at dcn.mike@gscemo.org.

For information about Saint Faustina, her diary or the Image of the Divine Mercy, visit the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception at DivineMercy.org.

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 continued contributions!

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Hearing **OUR CALL** to stewardship of the earth

“The world faces unavoidable multiple climate hazards over the next two decades with global warming of 1.5°C (2.7°F).

Even temporarily exceeding this warming level will result in additional severe impacts, some of which will be irreversible... Increased heatwaves, droughts and floods are already exceeding plants' and animals' tolerance thresholds, driving mass

mortalities in species such as trees and corals... They have exposed millions of people to acute food and water insecurity, especially in Africa, Asia, Central and South America, on Small Islands and in the Arctic.

To avoid mounting loss of life, biodiversity and infrastructure, ambitious, accelerated action is required to adapt to climate change, at the same time as making rapid, deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.”

(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, February 2022)

Upcoming Events: Discerning **YOUR RESPONSE**

Friday Fish Dinners

The Green Team is working with Missouri Organic and the Boy Scouts to compost leftover food and waste on the remaining fish dinners during Lent. We hope to explore the possibility of the school beginning to compost leftover food and waste from their lunches.

Project Blue River Rescue, Saturday, April 2

Join in the 32nd annual event to pick up trash along the Blue River. We will join a group led by Kathy LaFrensen to clean up the portion of Blue River Road from Red Bridge Road south to Blue Ridge Blvd. We will meet at Children International parking lot at 9am. This is a great opportunity for service hours. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 29, to David at dbutel@stmkc.com. Please include t-shirt size.

Prescription Pill Bottle Collection

Save your prescription pill bottles (and lids) for our next collection the weekend of April 23/24. They will be donated to pet shelters to be used for prescriptions for pets. We are only asking for prescription pill bottles. Other pill bottles like those for aspirin and pain relievers can be recycled. This event is sponsored by the parish Green Team. For more information, contact David Butel, 816-942-2492 x210 or dbutel@stmkc.com.

Earth Day 2022

Earth Day is Friday, April 22. Do something to celebrate – take a walk in nature or volunteer with an agency like Bridging the Gap (bridgingthegap.org).

To learn more about the Green Team, contact David Butel at dbutel@stmkc.com



GREEN TEAM

Tending our call to stewardship of the Earth

Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine



Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

HOLY MOTHER, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved

children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (Jn 2:3). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help! Therefore, **O MOTHER**, hear our prayer.

STAR OF THE SEA, *do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.*

ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT, *inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.*

QUEEN OF HEAVEN, *restore God's peace to the world.*

Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.

Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.

QUEEN OF THE ROSARY, *make us realize our need to pray and to love.*

QUEEN OF THE HUMAN FAMILY, *show people the path of fraternity.*

QUEEN OF PEACE, *obtain peace for our world.*

O MOTHER, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the

offered by Pope Francis at Basilica of Saint Peter, March 25, 2022

rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (Jn 19:26). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to

Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, **MOTHER OF GOD AND OUR MOTHER**, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family,

the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. **OUR LADY OF THE "FIAT"**, on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace.

Amen.

Spring "Out of Uniform Day" Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 5, 1:30-6pm

Blood donations have decreased related to COVID-19. Help replenish the blood supply by donating at the next STM blood drive.

STM students have an opportunity for an "Out of Uniform Day" and can wear their favorite team's shirt by having an adult friend or relative donate blood at the upcoming blood drive.

Any location where blood is collected is considered a healthcare setting. Donor guidelines include:

- Must wear a mask or face covering.
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19.
- May not donate if they have positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- May not donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions.

Remember to bring a photo ID or donor ID card. To answer your questions please visit savealifenow.org or call 1-800-688-0900. Sign up at savealifenow.org or contact Linda at hdc635@aol.com or 816-835-5912. Appointments are strongly suggested.



Discernment of Spirits Series

Tuesday, March 29, 7-8pm in More Hall

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.

Videos of this series may also be found on the parish website: stmkc.com. Click on Adult Formation.

Haunted by God: Life of Dorothy Day

Saturday, March 26, 7-9pm

This one-woman play portrays the life of Dorothy Day, following her life from her days as a Greenwich Village free spirit to her later years as a champion of social justice. It will be held at Visitation Parish, 5141 Main. It is a fundraiser for Journey to New Life. Admission is free, however, donations are encouraged.

Women of STM "Blingo"

Thursday, March 24, 6:30pm in More Hall

The Women of STM leaders are excited to offer a combined social/service event for all women of the parish!

Play Blingo—a jewelry/bingo game. The entry fee is a piece of jewelry (or several if you like) that was once loved, but you now are ready to part with. The jewelry becomes the prizes for bingo. You may bring wine, tea, soda, or snacks to share if desired.

A group of STM women have been partnering with Journey House for the past several years. If you would like to make a donation, you can bring personal hygiene or household cleaning products.

If you have questions, or would like to receive the Women of STM emails, email wstm@stmkc.com.

Men's Retreat

Saturday, March 26, 8:30am-2:30pm at Saint Regis

The speaker, Dave DiNuzzo, founded TrueManhood in 2008 as a way to help men dive into what it truly means to be authentically masculine. What we hope you find here is a source of inspiration to live as a True Man, as well as some formation and education to help you overcome your weaknesses and live virtue!

To register, send your name and a \$15 check, payable to St. John Francis Regis, 8941 James A. Reed Rd., KCMO. Visit stregischurch.com and click on Learn>Adult-Faith-Formation>Mens-Retreat for details or to register online. Lunch is included. For questions or scholarship assistance, contact Glen Ernstmann at 816-204-7267 or glenn.ernstmann@comcast.net.

"An Encounter with GRACE"

A Lenten Simple Supper for ALL Parishioners

Wednesday, March 30, 5:30-7pm in More Hall

Are you searching for how God is calling you to His grace? As we prepare for Easter, come join fellow parishioners for a powerful evening exploring An Encounter with GRACE. We will hear a great talk from Bishop Barron and then a powerful story of a personal encounter with grace from Bill and Jody Craig. There will be beautiful music, prayer and discussion around the theme of GRACE. A simple supper will be served at 5:30pm.

Please **RSVP by Monday, March 28**, to to Mary at 816-942-2492 or to Marla at mjbyrne0926@swbell.net.

RCIA/Catholic Update

Thursdays, 7-8:30pm; Mar. 31-More Hall

March 31, Session 26: The Eucharist - The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. Under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received. We will learn when and how the eucharist was instituted and who was present with Him at this holy event.

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.

Individuals receiving Sacraments on Easter Vigil

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.

Day of Prayer with Ladies of Charity

Tuesday, March 29, 9am-1pm

This year's focus on their annual retreat is on the topic of service and includes a breakfast, presentation, Mass, and a luncheon. Rockhurst University President Rev. Thomas B. Curran will preside at Mass. All are welcome. Register at rockhurst.edu/events to purchase tickets; \$40 ticket/person includes breakfast and lunch.

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. Please take care of this by Sunday, May 1 in order to be included in the More Friends directory.

Trivia Night - Save the Date!

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30pm in More Hall

Form your team of four or plan to come alone and we'll set you up with a dream team! Will your team be able to answer this trivia question: Everyone knows the Kansas City Chiefs were named after H. Roe Bartle. How did Mayor Bartle acquire the nickname "Chief"? Come for fun! No punishment for bad scores. A dessert bar and drinks will also be available. More details later.

Parish Calendar of Events

Thurs., Mar. 24 - Women of STM "Blingo," 6:30-9pm

Sacramental Prep - 6:30-7:30pm

RCIA, 7-8:30pm

Fri., Mar. 25 - Fish Fry, 5-7pm, More Hall

Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm, Church

Sun., Mar. 26 - Catholic Relief Service Collection

RCIA: 2nd Scrutiny, 9am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration, Noon-9pm

Mon., Mar. 28 - SPRED, 6:15-8:15pm

Living Waters, 7-9:30p

Green Team mtg., 7pm, Parish Office

Tues., Mar. 29 - Discernment of Spirits, 7-8pm

Wed., Mar. 30 - Simple Supper, 5:30-7pm

STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL



2022-23 STM School Registration for New Students

Documents needed include: a parish tithing pledge for 2022 on file, if an STM parishioner; up-to-date immunization records; birth certificate; Baptismal certificate, if baptized; and a request for transcripts from previous schools, if applicable.

Families may register at the school, 9-10:30am on Thurs., March 24; Wed., March 30; Thurs., March 31.

April Spring "Out of Uniform Day" Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 5, 1:30-6pm

STM students have an opportunity for an "Out of Uniform Day" and can wear their favorite team's shirt by having an adult friend or relative donate blood at the upcoming blood drive. See page 7 for details.

STM-for-All Music Trivia

Saturday, April 9, 7-10pm

Get your team together now and sign up **by Monday, April 4**. The cost is \$35/person or \$60/couple at tables of ten. Space is limited, so don't wait! Contact Anne at anne_waris@yahoo.com or 816-582-9298. Cash, checks (payable to BMA Foundation) or Venmo@Ann-Alexiou (with Music Trivia in description) are all accepted.

Volunteers who assist with minors

The five-year renewal of our safe environment compliance requirements has been implemented. This is a long-awaited feature, and we are very excited to see this added. Below is an explanation of each update. **(Updates for volunteers are due April 1, 2022.)**

Background Check - The five-year background check renewal is an automated process. Virtus will notify you (If your email address in Virtus is current) to log in and complete the update. If you need assistance, call the ESR Help Desk at 1-888-999-4474.

Protecting God's Children (PGC) 4.0 - PGC 4.0 is new and sends the message of hope and healing as well as the important five steps in the protection of children and vulnerable adults. The five-year renewal will also require you to complete the online module of PGC 4.0. You must use a laptop or desktop computer AND Chrome as your browser. Tablets and smartphones will not process the videos.

Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) - The EIM will also require a renewal every five years. When you click on the link, you will have a digital EIM. Scroll down to the acknowledgment, check the box, and enter your

name and the date completing this.

The above updates are just one step OCYP is using to build a strong safe environment. If you need assistance please contact Joan Sandford or Meredith Blair (contact info on page 10) or call the Virtus helpdesk at 1-888-847-8870.

Protecting God's Children (PGC) 4.0 Workshop Wednesday, March 30, 9am at the Chancery

If you have not yet gone through PGC or need the recently assigned 4.0 update, you are welcome to sign up at virtus.org (if new) or let Joan or Meredith know (for an update).

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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 Firefighters**
3/28 8:15AM Betty Jean McClenahan[†]
- Tues: **6:15AM Carme Chalabi[†]**
3/29 8:15AM Frank Biondo[†]
- Wed: **6:15AM Police Officers**
3/30 8:15AM Special Intention for Samantha
- Thur: **6:15AM jeremy Willoughby[†]**
3/31 8:15AM Bishop Finn
- Fri: **6:15AM Mary Kate Hughes[†]**
4/1 8:15AM Rick Feierabend[†]
- Sat: **8:15AM Mary Schwartz[†]**
4/2 4:00AM Tony & Theresa Manzella[†]
- Sun: **7:30AM Parishioners of Saint Thomas More**
4/3 9:00AM Barney & Rosemarie Maguire[†]
11:00AM Frances Young[†]


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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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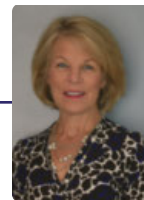
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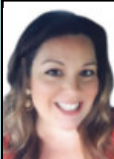
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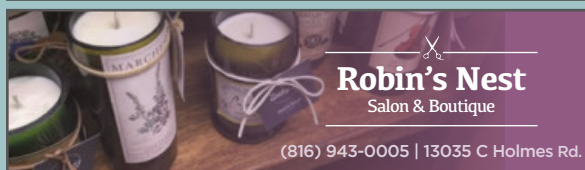
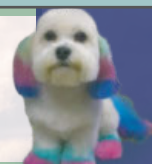
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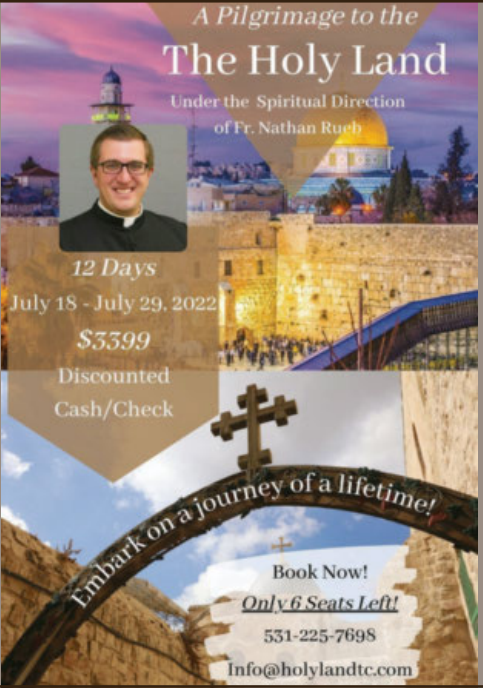
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