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# PUBLIC MASSES

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

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

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

Office Hours: M,W,F 8:45-1pm; T-Th 8:45-5pm Parish Office 816-942-2492 816-942-8803 Office fax Office email directory at

stmkc.com

Principal

Assistant Principal

#### AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Linda Crosthwait **Meredith Blair** 

Office hours 7:30am-4:00pm

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School fax	816-941-2450
School email directory at	stmkcschool.org

SCHOOL TOURS: contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at 816-942-5581 or crosthwait\_linda@stmcyclones.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.



May 22, 2022

# 6<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." - Jn 14:27

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# THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**BEGINS FRIDAY, MAY 27 SEE PAGES 7-8** 



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

Over the next few days, every household in the diocese will be receiving a letter from Bishop Johnston, making us aware of a scholarship program provided by the State of Missouri, which has the ability to be transformational in its application towards our Catholic schools...including some families at STM School. Here at the parish, our principal, business manager and I have attended meetings over the last several weeks with the Bright Futures Fund, which is one of only nine entities in the state designated to allocate these funds. We have begun to put in place some of the groundwork to connect our parishioners with this opportunity, so just know we'll be communicating more about this, ahead of the July 1st roll out by the State of Missouri.

A reminder that this upcoming week is the traditional celebration of the Ascension of Jesus. In our diocese (and the Archdiocese of KCK), and in nearly every diocese in the nation, Ascension is annually transferred to next Sunday, May 29th. No "Ascension Thursday" for those old enough to remember this Holy Day of Obligation!

Thank you to those who supported last weekend's Tomorrow's Priests Collection. We have several ordinations on the horizon in our diocese, including one to the transitional diaconate (May 28th), sixteen to the permanent diaconate (June 18th), and one to the priesthood (June 25th). The priesthood ordination will be for Deacon Paul Sappington, who spent last summer with our STM community, so we are particularly excited about his return from Rome to begin priestly ministry in the diocese.

Along with these men - who will all get parish assignments - this is the season when our priests are notified about new assignments. A summer rarely goes by without some change in our clergy-staffing here at STM, so expect shifts here too.

Father Justin

P.S. And a very happy birthday to Father Ketterlin, who celebrates his 46th birthday next Friday!

# One Family restored in christ, eouipped 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.

# 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

## **Church Hours for Private Praver**

Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm\* Saturdays: 7am-5pm; Sundays: 7am-9pm \*The church is closed on Tuesday, May 24, 10amnoon, for the last all-school Mass.

**Eucharistic Exposition at STM** Sundays, Noon-9pm

# Pray the Rosary with Others

# Sundays (through Pentecost, June 5)

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

## **Prayer Intentions for May**

Pope Francis: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

**Bishop Johnston:** For all those who find themselves homeless; and that our communities will find effective ways to address their plight and the root causes of homelessness.

# **Care & Support**

# Support for Our Faithful Impacted by Mental Illness

The diocesan Life & Justice Office is working with pastors, local community service organizations and national Catholic programs to plan a parish-based ministry of education and spiritual support for fellow members of our faithful and their families who have been marginalized by the disease of mental illness. If you or someone you know has been affected, or if you feel the Holy Spirit may be calling you to be such a witness, please call 816-714-2375 or email voboril@diocesekcsj.org.

# Memorial Day Commemorative Masses

# Masses on Monday, May 30, 10am

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites everyone to join them as they honor our fallen soldiers and in loving memory of those family members and friends who have gone before us.

Staff will be on hand at all Catholic Cemeteries (Mount Olivet, Resurrection, and Mount Saint Mary's in KCMO and Mount Olivet in St. Joseph) to help locate graves and answer cemetery inquiries. Our experienced Family Service Counselors will also be available to discuss pre-planning. After listening to your needs and answering your questions, our counselors will be able to present the various types of property and services that are available. For more information regarding Catholic Cemeteries in our diocese, call 816-353-1900 or email momarkers@cemeterieskcsj.org.

Decorations may be placed on graves now. All decorations will be removed on Monday, June 6 for mowing. Any decorations in permanent vases, as always, will remain until removed by the family or become weathered and unsightly.

# **Grief Support Group Meeting**

#### Saturday, May 21, after 8am Mass

The Bereavement Ministry at Cure' of Ars, 9405 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS, will have a grief support meeting in the Father Burak room. For more information, call 913-649-2026.

# Retrouvaille, a Lifeline for Married Couples Weekend Program in KC: June 10-12

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille has a proven track record for those who attend the weekend and the post sessions!

For more information, contact registration team at 800-470-2230 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.



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# Join the STM Prayer Chain and Pray for Others

When we receive a prayer request at the parish office, an email is sent asking for prayers. You are invited to join this ministry. If you are in need of prayer or interested in praying for those who request prayers, please contact David Butel at dbutel@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x210.

# Max Prison and Jail Ministry Pen Pals

Pen pals change lives and there are currently opportunities to share in this wonderful ministry. However, even if you are not yet ready to commit to writing monthly letters, our growing pen pal program still needs volunteers to assist with researching and matching pen pals and to help with other important administrative tasks. The program is safe, and all directions are provided. To learn more, visit humanrightskcsj.org, call 816-714-2367, or email francis@diocesekcsj.org.

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## STM Service Day: All hands welcome!

Saturday, May 21, 8:15am Mass to no later than 1pm Be a part of More Crew and lend a hand to get projects

done on campus. The work includes spreading mulch, washing windows, trimming, pruning shrubs, working on a drainage project, and digging weeds. Youth under 18 are invited to participate for service hours but must attend with a parent. Bring whatever equipment you have that would be helpful for these projects. Questions? Call or text Beth at 816-547-5541.

## **Red Bridge Food Pantry**

#### Saturday, May 21, 9-11am

The First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Red Bridge and Wornall Roads, is the location of the pantry which is supported by Saint Thomas More. If finances are tight and you need help with food, call 913-313-0250 to set up an appointment. You must bring a current utility bill when you pick up the food. A portion of our monthly food drive goes to this food pantry to help feed those who are food insecure in south Kansas City.

## **Refugee Family Resettlement**

Thank you to everyone who helped provide furniture and household items for the refugee family STM helped get settled in Kansas City. STM was contacted by Della Lamb on Tuesday, May 10, and asked if we would be able to set up an apartment by the following Monday. A Sign-Up Genius was sent out and in two days, everything that we needed was provided. That is absolutely amazing!

It is estimated that there are over 26 million refugees in the world and only a tiny fraction, between 2-3%, ever get resettled. Thank you for making a difference for this family!

# Green Team Tip to Care for the Environment

Our Christian faith doesn't require us to be vegetarians or vegans, but there are perhaps even more health and ethical reasons to reduce or eliminate our consumption of meat. This week, watch this 5-minute video about the carbon footprint of beef and consider making a commitment to reduce red meat in your diet: bit.ly/teach-out-food-sustainability. Read *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan, *Fast Food Nation* by Michael Schlosser, or *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver to learn more about the impact of our meat eating.

## Adoption Assistance Fund

A fund has been set up to assist STM members with the legal expenses of adopting a child. To request assistance or to offer a gift to the fund, send your name and phone number to Adoption@stmkc.com and you will be contacted.

# **Community Assistance Council - Volunteers Wanted**

There are times the Community Assistance Council needs volunteers who would help clients with working out a budget, purchasing a car or getting car repairs, or fixing stuff around their home, and much more. Are you retired, or semi-retired, with a certain area of interest that could help others? Email info@cackc.org or call Rachel at 816-763-3277 x103.

# 2nd Annual Pro-Life Ladies' Event Saturday, June 4, 5-9pm

Mark your calendar and plan to attend an evening Full of Fun. Missouri Right to Life Western Region is hosting a (mom honoring) Fashion show with Fun Facts, Freebies, Fundraising (live and silent auctions), Food and Fellowship. The event will be held at Lee's Summit Community Church, 1440 SW Jefferson, Lee's Summit 64086. To register, visit mrl-wr.org and click on Events or call 816-353-4113. Tickets are \$25 each.

# Train to Become a Fertility Care Practitioner

# Phase 1: August 13-20; Phase 2: Feb. 11-16, 2023

Learn to teach the Creighton Model system of natural fertility regulation, the foundation for the new reproductive science of NaPro technology. To apply or for more information, visit fertilitycarekc.com, call 816-214-0947, or email admin@fertilitycarekc.com.

# **April Financials**

 Regular - \$197,172.40
 Plate - \$3,691.13

 Facilities - \$2,233.35
 School - \$2,476.85

 Education Fund - \$342.50
 Holy Land - \$1,522.97

 \$20 for Lent - \$7,165.37
 Thank you for your continued contributions!



Activating our baptismal call to holiness and being disciple makers

# Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence he placed in his close followers to continue his ministry.

In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead.

As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

# Women of STM: Outdoor Patio Party

#### Thursday, May 26, 6pm

Join in the fun at the party in Marla Byrne's back yard. Just come around to the back when you arrive. Bring your own favorite beverage. You are also invited to bring an appetizer to share if you wish. Come with your suggestions for next year's Women of STM calendar of events. Please email wstm@stmkc.com if you have any questions.

# **RCIA/Catholic Update**

#### Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, More Hall

May 26, Session 32 - Goodness of the Body: Theology of the Body - John Paul II gave a series of talks for over twenty years in which he sought to open the divine ways God created our bodies, and how our physical life is connected to our spiritual identity. Father Justin will join us in giving an introduction to this profound and timely teaching.

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.

# From Conception Abbey Guest Center

37174 State Hwy V V, Conception, MO 64434, Phone: 660-944-2809; Email: guests@conception.edu Web Address: conceptionabbey.org/guests/

#### Calligraphy: Lettering the Word For Beginners May 27-30 (Friday 4pm-Monday 2pm)

Introduction to the use of calligraphy as a means of Lectio Divina. Daily Lectio sessions. Throughout the weekend the retreatants will learn the Foundational hand (based on 10th century Carolingian script) using a felt-tipped calligraphy marker. In person only.

## Come to the Father's House and Be Fed June 10-12 (Friday 4pm-Sunday 2pm)

This Hispanic retreat will focus on the Celebration of the Eucharist. Dive into the mystery of the Eucharist to study it as a sacrificial meal and a source of intimacy with the Risen Christ and with each other. Opportunity for Lectio Divina, Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

#### Family: Living Life with the Saints June 25-26 (Saturday 4pm–Sunday 2pm)

How can we model our family life after that of the Saints? Come for a fun-filled family get away with lots of family activities and time with members of the monastic community.

# Come Away: A Catholic Women's Wellness Retreat June 3-5 (Friday-Sunday), Easton, KS

Come Away is an invitation to all Catholic women to rest and be restored in Jesus and takes place at Christ's Peace House of Prayer, a beautiful rural setting. Come Away will include life coaching, Pietra Fitness, prayer, Mass, confession, and plenty of time for rest. Please visit arisecoachingandcounseling.com/comeaway for more information or to register.

# **Freedom in Christ Pentecost Vigil**

#### Saturday, June 4, 9am-4pm

Father Ed Wills, pastor of Guardian Angels (1310 Westport, KCMO 64111), welcomes the opportunity to teach and encourage us as we gather to pray, worship and reflect on the vigil of Pentecost. Scripture tells us that before Jesus ascended, he instructed his distraught disciples not to leave Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them in fulfillment of the Father's promise. As they gathered in the upper room in prayer on the day of Pentecost, everyone present was filled and transformed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We today are much like the disciples as we navigate days of uncertainty and confusion. But we who have heard the Good News know God is in control and nothing that we see, hear or fear will defeat His purposes.

The Vigil of Pentecost is an opportunity to reignite the fire of the Holy Spirit, setting us free and giving us His peace as we await the unfolding of the Lord's perfect plan in our own personal lives and in the world.

Registration is \$10/person with optional meals an additional \$8; meals must be pre-ordered by Tuesday, May 31. Call 816-885-2322 or email c.sikorski for details.

# A Dialogue on Immigration

#### Sunday, June 5, 4pm

You are invited to attend a talk by Rev. Ray Schellinger, "Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock." Rev. Schellinger is the American Baptist International Ministries global consultant for immigrants and refugees. He hosts several teams per year in international cross-cultural settings where people can learn of the struggles of migrants, the realities of global immigration and border policies. The talk will be held at the First Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Wornall and Red Bridge Roads. For more information, call 816-942-1866.

# **Easing into Contemplative Prayer**

#### Wednesdays (June 8–July 13), 7-8:30pm on Zoom

Are you looking to reinvigorate your life in prayer this summer? Join the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City to explore the four stages of prayer that lead to contemplation. We will be reading together *The Armchair Mystic* by Father Mark Thibodeaux, SJ and praying his suggested exercises to help cultivate a deeper relationship with our Lord. You will read about five pages and pray for 30 minutes per day, and meet weekly with your group to reflect and share about your prayer experience.

The cost of \$35 does not include the book. Please visit ignatiancenterkc.org/events for more information and to register.

# Pitching for Priests - Save the Date!

## Friday, June 10, 7pm; Tailgating begins at 4pm

The annual summer classic softball game between the priests of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas is back. Proceeds from the event support our seminarians. The game will be played at KC Monarchs Stadium (Old T-Bones Stadium) - Legends Field Ballpark, 1800 Village West Pkwy, KC, KS 66111. Tickets are \$15/adult or \$7/child and are available by Googling *Pitching for Priests 2022*.

# Carmelite Spirituality: Coming to the Font

# 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! **The next date is Saturday, June 11.** 

# Pilgrimage: Sites of Saint Thomas More + Optional "Upgrade" Visit to Scotland

# Fall 2022 (October 14-21, Friday-Friday)

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our parish's reception of the memorial stone from the Roper Chapel of Saint Dunstan's Church in Canterbury, a pilgrimage opportunity to the sites of our patron's life will be offered. Father Davis has agreed to an optional three-night trip to Scotland, ahead of our London itinerary. For details, please see brochures in the narthex or visit stmkc.com.

# City On A Hill (COAH): Young Adult Events

Visit kansascityonahill.org/ for more information on young adult events and to sign up for any of the offerings listed below. Click on Get Involved to sign up for The Loop, a weekly email with current info.

Sisterhood Arts Fair - Saturday, May 21, 11am-3pm Join Sisterhood in Leawood for this 2nd annual arts fair! Email sfeulner13@gmail.com for the address and info!

Wine & Cheese Night - Thursday, May 26, 7:30-9pm If you're new to KC or to COAH within the past year, come for a casual gathering with light refreshments and a VERY short introduction into COAH and all that it has to offer. For the address and to RSVP, contact Taylor at: taylor@kansascityonahill.org.

#### Colorado Trip: Registration is Open! July 7-10 (Thursday-Sunday)

LIMITED SPOTS available for 15 men and 15 women. The itenerary is: Leave from KC on Thursday morning and arrive in Dillon, CO. Hike all day Friday and Saturday (near Vail, CO). Have Mass and prayer together as a group each day and spend the evenings in fellowship. Sunday morning Mass, then return to KC.

Cost includes meals, housing and hiking. Travel will be on your own from KC. If tickets are sold out, please email Taylor (taylor@kansascityonahill.org) to secure a spot on the waitlist.

#### CCS Soccer League: Registration Open! Saturdays, June 4-July 23, 9am-1pm

Join CCS for their first official outdoor soccer season! This 7 vs 7 soccer league is set to be played at the Swope Soccer Village, 6310 Lewis Rd, KCMO 64132. Sign up to be on the sublist!

# **Parish Calendar of Events**

Thurs., May 19 - RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall Sat., May 21 - Service Day, 8:15am Mass-1pm Sun., May 22 - Eucharistic Adoration, noon-9pm Tues., May 24 - Respect Life Committee mtg., 5pm Bunco Party, 7:30-10pm, More Hall

Thurs., May 26 - RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall Women of STM Patio Party, 6pm

Fri., May 27 - Novena in Honor of the Holy Spirit begins Tues., May 31 - Summer Cyclones first day, 8am-5:30pm

# THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

#### ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (Recited daily during the Novena)

*On my knees, before the great multitude of heavenly* witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully quard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus, looking at His Five Wounds, trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Recited daily during the Novena)

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to

displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

The Novena begins on the day after the Solemnity of the Ascension, Friday of the 6th Week of Easter, even if the Solemnity of the Ascension is transferred to the 7th Sunday.

#### **FIRST DAY**

FRIDAY AFTER ASCENSION OR FRIDAY OF 6TH WEEK OF EASTER Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! From Your clear celestial height, Your pure beaming radiance give!

#### **The Holy Spirit**

Only one thing is important -- eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared--sin. Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

Almighty and eternal God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit, and hast given us forgiveness of all sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us your sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

Our Father and Hail Mary ONCE. Glory be to the Father SEVEN TIMES. Act of Consecration, Prayer for the Seven Gifts

#### **SECOND DAY** SATURDAY OF 6TH WEEK OF EASTER Come. Father of the poor. Come, treasures which endure; Come, Light of all that live!

#### **The Gift of Fear**

The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls." Come, O blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart, that I may set you, my Lord and God, before my face forever, help me to shun all things that can offend You, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Your Divine Majesty in heaven, where You live and reign in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God world without end. Amen.

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#### **THIRD DAY**

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER OR TRANSFERRED ASCENSION Thou, of all consolers best, Visiting the troubled breast, Dost refreshing peace bestow.

#### **The Gift of Piety**

The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the Saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion, not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God, that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

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#### **FOURTH DAY**

#### MONDAY, 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

Thou in toil art comfort sweet, Pleasant coolness in the heat, solace in the midst of woe.

#### **The Gift of Fortitude**

By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear, and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

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# THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### continued from reverse

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of trouble and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies, that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

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#### **FIFTH DAY**

TUESDAY, 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

*Light immortal! Light Divine! Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, And our inmost being fill!* 

#### The Gift of Knowledge

The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth--in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity, and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first, and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father; show me the nothingness of earthly things, that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee, and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

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#### **SIXTH DAY**

#### WEDNESDAY, 7TH WEEK OF EASTER

If Thou take Thy grace away, nothing pure in man will stay, All his good is turn'd to ill.

#### The Gift of Understanding

Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion. By faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us; we begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation; and may merit at last to see the eternal light in Thy Light; and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

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## **SEVENTH DAY**

THURSDAY, 7TH WEEK OF EASTER Heal our wounds--our strength renews; On our dryness pour Thy dew, Wash the stains of guilt away.

#### The Gift of Counsel

The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all these things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways, that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good; turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long.

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# EIGHTH DAY

FRIDAY, 7TH WEEK OF EASTER Bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray!

#### The Gift of Wisdom

Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of wisdom it is written "all good things came to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the Cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Saviour: "Take up thy cross and follow me, for my yoke is sweet and my burden light.

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them forever. Amen.

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# NINTH DAY

#### SATURDAY, VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Thou, on those who evermore Thee confess and Thee Adore, in Thy sevenfold gift, Descend; Give Them Comfort when they die; Give them Life with Thee on high; Give them joys which never end. Amen

#### The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God, to serve Whom is to reign.

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, faith, mildness, and temperance, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

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WELCOME TO SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH



# 2022-23 Registration: Some Classes Are Closed

New and current families need to make an appointment to complete enrollment paperwork and register. Please call Amy Prowell in the front office, 816-942-5581, to make your appointment.

# MOScholars to assist families in Catholic schools Info Session: Wed., May 25, 6:30pm on Zoom

Starting on July 1, many families in the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph will have a new opportunity to send their children to Catholic schools.

Attend this information session with Bright Futures Fund and our diocesan MOScholars administrator. Email Lisa Kremer for the Zoom link and a list of qualifying schools (including STM): lkremer@diocesekcsj.org.

Learn more about:

• Who gualifies for the MOScholars program.

• How to apply beginning July 1, 2022.

Visit brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars.

#### **School Dates**

Fri., May 20 - Fun Day (rain date May 23) Tues., May 24 - Last day of school; 10:30 dismissal

#### **Coca-Cola Gives**

We're excited that our school is part of the Coca-Cola Give program. The best part? Donations don't come out of your own pocket! When you make Coca-Cola purchases, simply enter the product codes at coke. com/give/schools (make sure to search for St. Thomas More using zip code 64131) and our school receives a donation. Help STM make the most of this program and learn more at coke.com/give.

You may also drop off bottle caps or codes from the inside of Coke product cases at the school office or in the dresser drawer in the narthex.

# Summer Cyclones Summer Care Program

# Tues., May 31-Fri., August 5, 8am-5:30pm at STM

Tim Waris, Jr. will again serve as Program Coordinator for Summer Cyclones. The following field trips/activities have been planned for the summer: Kansas City Zoo, Science City (Union Station), Prairie Fire, Deanna Rose, basketball camp, whiffle ball baseball game, soccer game day, scavenger hunt, tie dye shirt day, camp bicycle day, frisbee day, sidewalk chalk murals day, kite day, plant a garden, and obstacle course day. The police and fire departments will also visit.

Rates are: \$250/5 days, \$200/3 days, \$150/2 days, \$75/extra day, plus a one-time (refundable) activity fee of \$250/child.

# Summer Camps with Saint Michael the Archangel

Summer camps are exciting opportunities for youth to interact with high school coaches and players! Learn about the Saint Michael the Archangel community and experience our team spirit.

Camps are available for children as young as 1st grade, up through high school but only students currently enrolled at SMA are eligible to participate in the high school camps.

Visit smacatholic.org/summer-camps-2022/ to see the camps and to register. Questions? Email Activities Director, Mary at mkroening@smacatholic.org.

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# Parish Office Hours (until further notice) Office Hours: M,W,F 8:45-1pm; T-Th 8:45-5pm



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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:

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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**

6:15AM Brian Janner<sup>+</sup> Mon: 5/23 8:15AM Harry T Donaldson<sup>+</sup> 6:15AM EMTs Tues: 5/24 8:15<sub>AM</sub> Virginia Gioia<sup>+</sup> 6:15AM Bob Smtih<sup>+</sup> Wed: 5/25 8:15<sub>AM</sub> Tom Sweeny<sup>+</sup> 6:15AM Michael O'Connor<sup>†</sup> Thur: 5/26 8:15<sub>AM</sub> Marty Feuerborn<sup>+</sup> Fri: 6:15AM Nurses 5/278:15<sub>AM</sub> Mary Byrne<sup>+</sup> 6:15<sub>AM</sub> Michael J Mongan<sup>+</sup> Sat: 8:15<sub>AM</sub> Pat Klein<sup>†</sup> 5/287:30AM Parishioners of Saint Thomas More Sun: 5/29 9:00AM Mike Mulligan<sup>+</sup> 11:00AM Joseph F Rozell<sup>+</sup> <sup>†</sup>Deceased

*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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