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Our Mission

The mission of Saint Thomas More Parish is to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and loving community by proclaiming and living God's Word through worship, education, and social justice.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Mike Kleinman, Adult Faith Formation Team member

Saint Peter's first letter was addressed to several Christian communities which were converted by Saint Paul. Peter challenges these communities, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own so that you may announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*" (1 Peter 2:9).

To assist you in living out this mission, STM will offer several Adult Faith Formation (AFF) programs this fall.

Alpha for Catholics

This September the Men of STM will embark on the highly acclaimed Alpha for Catholics series—a new and exciting way of jump-starting your faith. The Alpha program is now running in thousands of churches including hundreds of Catholic parishes in 72 countries!

The sessions will last for ten weeks. You will examine such topics as, "Why did Jesus Die; Why and how do I pray; and How should I read the Bible." For more information, see page 10.

Scripture study programs

There will be two different scripture study programs this fall. Both will use the materials furnished by The Great Adventure Bible Study sponsored by Ascension Press using DVDs with Jeff Cavins as the facilitator. There will be a \$25 fee for each series to cover the cost of the printed materials.

The first is entitled "A Quick Journey through the Bible Timeline." You will learn how the twelve narrative books of the Bible span the twelve major time periods of salvation history. You will discover the

six covenants God made with humanity, leading to the establishment of the Catholic Church. Kathy Thomas will be the facilitator. This series will be offered at 7PM on Mondays, beginning September 12.

The second scripture offering will be a study of the "Book of Revelation...the Kingdom Yet to Come." You will learn the meaning of the mysterious figures and events. You will discover how the Mass is really heaven on earth and what will happen at the end of time.

The Revelation study will be offered on Wednesday mornings at 9:30AM. It will be facilitated by Melinda Smith and Mike Kleinman. It will be offered again on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM and facilitated by Kathy Thomas.

All of the scripture studies are open to any STM parishioners.

Sign up weekend August 20-21

Sign up weekend for all the Adult Faith Formation programs will be August 20-21. A representative of the Adult Faith Formation Team will be available after each of the Masses to answer any questions, give exact dates and times and assist you in sign-up for the program of your choice. †

More News

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Submissions

...can be sent to the editor. The Winter issue is to be delivered November 18, 2011. Submissions are due October 18, 2011. E-mail submissions are preferred. Submission guidelines and deadlines are posted at www.stmkc.com - text search "More News."

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5th Guatemala Clean Water System Installed

Phil Smith, Guatemala Action Group



Because of generous people like you, we are in the process of finishing our 5th and largest clean water filtration system in Guatemala. (See pictures on this page.) These systems have helped provide clean water in regions where there once was none, saving the people in these communities from diseases that once caused serious illness and sometimes death, especially to children.



Each system serves about 10,000 people. We are installing the systems at the local fire station of each community. We charge 8 quetzals per 5 gallon bottle. That is about half of what other companies charge. A small amount of the money goes to maintain the current systems and purchase items when they break. The additional money goes to the

fire department for manning the systems. They have been able to use the money to purchase additional fire fighting equipment (one station was able to purchase a used fire truck). People pick up their water. Most people have access to an automobile through a relative or neighbor to pick up their water. The system at the convent, besides being an income source for the sisters also provides them with



clean drinkable water. Each system runs between \$12,000 to \$15,000 installed.

We have independent people check the water regularly to verify it's purity. We own the systems and can remove a system and move it to another location if the system is not cared for properly. †



Respect Life Committee

Ann Verhulst, Chair

On May 4, the Respect Life Committee hosted a lasagna luncheon for the 8th grade students in appreciation for their help in displaying the crosses on the church lawn for Respect Life Month last October and also for participating in the Spiritual Adoption Program. Joining the students for lunch were Principal John O'Connor and the 8th grade teachers. Pro-life booklets, bracelets, little feet pins and t-shirts were given to the students and Judy Budde gave a short talk on purity and respect for all human life.

On Mother's Day, we raised over \$800 for Missouri Right to Life through the carnation sale and collected baby items and maternity clothes for Birthright and the Wyandotte Pregnancy Center.

Members of our committee will be attending the "Being Faithful, Even Unto Death" Conference (Catholic Wisdom on the treatment of the Disabled and Dying) on July 23 at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas

City, KS. Speakers include Cardinal Raymond Burke, Archbishop Joseph

October is Respect Life month

- **Life Chain**, first Sunday in October
- **Lawn Crosses**: 8th grade students join us in displaying crosses on the Church lawn
- **Runners for Life**: We will host a dinner on Friday, October 14, for over 100 South Dakota Runners for Life who will be in Kansas City for a marathon, raising money for a pregnancy center.



Mary Poppa serves lunch at the 8th grade luncheon on May 4.

Naumann and Bishop Robert Finn.

Information from the conference will be shared with the committee at our next meeting in Sept.

We plan to work at a game booth, handing out pro-life prizes, at the Parish picnic in September. We will once again begin our Spiritual Adoption Program in September, with the opportunity for all to name an unborn baby and pray for him or her throughout the nine months of pregnancy. The names of those who are praying will be displayed in the narthex. †

Our Respect Life Committee is a very active Ministry and we welcome all to take part in our activities. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September through May, 7:00PM in More Hall. Contact Ann Verhulst 816-763-5247 or aaverhulst@yahoo.com.

This Summer's Guatemala Mission Trips

Photos by Janet Woulfe



Many more trip photos can be found on our website, www.stmkc.com. Click on the Photo Gallery link at the right side of any webpage.



Thank You to the Joplin Travelers & Supporters

Kelly Barry, Youth Director

Thank you to Abby Markus, Andy Gnefkow, Callan Bell, Danni Porter, Ian Heiman, Jeff Williams, Margie Stone and Watty Bell for donating so much of your time and talent during the trip to Joplin at the end of June. Also, thanks to Jennifer Bell for providing transportation and supervision and to Joe Ismert for donating gloves to use while there. Finally, thanks to the parishioners for the support and prayer offered on our behalf.

Another mission trip coming soon

There will be another mission trip to Joplin at the beginning of August. For more information, call Kelly Barry, 942-2492 x214.



Knights of Columbus Council 14270

John Kelly

New Council Officers & Directors

Grand Knight Jim Easley, Deputy Grand Knight John Kelly, Financial Secretary Rocky Hembree, Chancellor Doug Weishar, Treasurer Paul Hentzen, Recorder Larry Lefebvre, Advocate Craig Laird, Warden Jeff Barthol, Inside Guard Dave Markus, Outside Guard Paul Becker, 3rd Year Trustee Phil Muellner, 2nd Year Trustee Eugene Twellman, 1st Year Trustee Jack Ryan, Council Director Larry Lefebvre, Community Director Joe Dyche, Youth Director Jeff Barthol, Pro-Life Director Phil Muellner, Family Director Patrick Burke, Charity Director Dick Hudson, Membership Director Doug Weishar, Newsletter John Kelly, Bulletin Mark Rogge and Webmaster Dustin Rogge.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

STM Council's first Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament had nearly 50 entrants and raised nearly \$1,500 for the council charity fund. After over four hours of play, the winners were:

- First Place (\$300) Helen Forte
- Second Place (\$200) Tom Dunn
- Third Place (\$100) Vince Accurso

Growing Membership

The First Degree Exemplification held May 25 at Pope Pius XII Council 4962 added ten new members to the STM Council roster. The Degree, with Bishop Finn in attendance, included 48 candidates, with over 20% coming from STM. These new members, along with other recent First Degrees, readmissions and transfers, bring council membership to 143.

New STM Knights are: Jerry Beck, Scott Bennett, Harold Cole, Dick Duncan, Mark Fitzgerald, Mike Flynn, Eric Hartenbower, Dave Herbert, Charlie Huffman, Josh Johnson, John Maschek, Greg Mertes, Bob Murphy, Fred O'Dwyer, Larry Otto, Chris Petree, David Rothemich and Austin Van Buskirk. †

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus, get information on becoming a Knight, or check out upcoming council activities, visit the council website located under Community Life at www.stmkc.com. Current and past issues of the council newsletter, Knights News, are available, along with photo galleries from past events.

Hiring our new Director of Stewardship and Development

Denis Greene, President of Church Development and Consultant to the STM Funding Commission

In February, 2011 the funding commission took a cue from the five-year pastoral plan and started the process of searching for a Director of Stewardship and Development. At that moment, we were blessed with a member of the parish who is a development professional with fourteen years of professional development experience who volunteered to assist Blake Mulvany with stewardship tasks in the office, fifteen hours a week. As Blake Mulvany put it, Karolyn Dreiling is a "... God send and she volunteered right when we needed her."

With a \$4 million annual budget, it seemed only logical that our parish have an experienced professional on staff responsible for revenue generation. STM follows in the footsteps of other similar sized parishes (Saint Peter's, Saint Elizabeth's, Saint Therese, Visitation, Redemptorist) in establishing this staff position.

We (the STM Funding Commission) established criteria for selection and at the top of the list was being Catholic, second on the list was proven, professional development experience. When we publicized the position and collected resumes, we discovered that these

two qualities together were difficult to find. The Finance Ministry Team sent a message of urgency to the Funding Commission to get moving on this position, and that we needed to have this person in place over the summer.

Members of the Funding Commission, Finance Ministry Team, Pastoral Council, STM staff and a



Parishioner and development professional Karolyn Dreiling was hired as STM Development Director - a position that has been funded for six months by members of the STM Funding Commission, Finance Ministry Team, Pastoral Council, a few other parishioners. and parish staff.

few other parishioners generously opened their checkbooks and underwrote the first six month costs of our new Director of Stewardship and Development salary.

After the committee reviewed thirty resumes, Blake Mulvany asked Karolyn Dreiling if she would consider moving from a volunteer position to a staff position, because she fit the criteria of being Catholic and having years of development experience. Blake polled the committee to ask for their blessing to offer the job to Karolyn Dreiling, received an affirmative response and offered her the job, which she accepted.

Allow me to introduce you to our new Director of Stewardship and Development. Karolyn has been a development profession for fourteen years, has two children at Saint Thomas More School and has been a parishioner for eleven years. Karolyn will manage our annual stewardship campaign, promote planned giving, alumni giving, assist with communication and a myriad of other stewardship responsibilities. †

New Guide Book and Directory

Joan Sandford, Office Manager

Each year we print a new Guide Book and Directory for your use as a parishioner. The first pages of this book give you information about our parish: its history, its many ministries, office hours, contact information and other helpful information. The rest of the pages list parishioners with address and phone number. The new publication will be coming out in late September.

Some people have done away with their land lines and gone to all

cell. If you are one of these people, please let us know so we can delete your land line number from our database and list the appropriate number(s) in the Guide Book and Directory. To make this change (or any other changes in your listing from last year's Guide Book and Directory), contact Joan Sandford at information@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202, by Monday, August 15.

Updating your information online

You can update your directory information any time directly through our website www.stmkc.com. Search for keyword "directory" and log in to our secure database server. If you don't yet have login credentials, contact Randy Grindinger at 816-942-2492 x209 or randy@stmkc.com.

More Smoke BBQ Competition

Scott Bennett, parishioner

The first annual Saint Thomas More "More Smoke!" barbecue cookoff was held on Saturday, June 25, on the school's playground. Thirteen teams entered to compete for trophies in four meat categories and overall champion. The weather was beautiful for the event, though it did rain in the morning due to the "smoke getting in God's eyes."



Teams competing

Torched by an Angel - Luke Lobb, Nick Manning, Shelby Brown, Jim Karleskint

Island Magic - Gafoaga Visasio, Frank Oliphant, Galen Verhulst, Greg Lewer



Suzie's Cafe - Joe Gawron, Nate Gawron, Wes Adams, Scott Adams
Blue Tiger - Mark Gant and family
Big Meat Club - Chris Cotton and Jim Arnett

The final results

Ribs: 1st-Island Magic, 2nd- Torched by an Angel, 3rd- The Vegetarians

Sausage: 1st-Blue Tiger BBQ, 2nd-Big Meat Club, 3rd-Torched by an Angel

Pork: 1st-Suzie's Cafe, 2nd-Torched by an Angel, 3rd- Island Magic

Chicken: 1st-Island Magic, 2nd-Torched by an Angel, 3rd-Smoke of the Irish

Top three go to City Parish Championship

The top three finishers qualified for the City Parish Championship held in September and are as follows:

- 1st-Torched by an Angel
- 2nd-Island Magic
- 3rd-Suzie's Cafe



Contribution Envelope Changes

Joan Sandford, Office Manager

For many years now, we have used a third party to submit our address changes for the Sunday envelopes to be mailed to you. Soon, we will bring that in-house! Hopefully you will not see any change with your Sunday envelopes and that, if you do, that change will be for the better.

If you are receiving envelopes, but are doing some form of

automatic payment, please contact me at the Parish Office, information@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202. We would like to save the paper and the postage if possible! We have been told that if we have at least fifty households (out of our over 400 automatic contributors), we are able to send the "special envelopes" quarterly. That way, you would know what other collections are coming

and would be able to contribute to them accordingly. We would like to sign you up for this option if you are an automatic contributor.

If you would like to become an automatic contributor (from your bank account or credit card), please contact Randy Grindinger at 942-2492 x211 or randy@stmkc.com.

Background on the New Translation of the Roman Missal

Msgr. James P. Moroney, reprinted with permission from U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Pope John Paul II presented the Church with a gift for the millennium: the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* (Roman Missal) since the Second Vatican Council. The Roman Missal is the book that sits on the altar at Mass and contains all the prayers and a description of the actions that make up the celebration of the Mass, “the source and summit of the entire Christian Life.”

The prayers of the Roman Missal serve an indispensable role in passing on the faith, for what we pray is what we believe. The authentic translation of these prayers, therefore, plays an important role in the catechetical life of the Church.

Thanks to the new Roman Missal and the instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, the Church in the English-speaking world will receive a new translation of the Mass, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent of 2011.

How Did a New Translation Come About?

The principles of translation by which our present liturgical books were rendered into English were first articulated in the 1968 instruction *Comme le prévoit*. Although admirable in its attempts to enthusiastically and creatively render a text into modern forms of English, the 1968 instruction’s reliance on the subjective judgments of the translator often ended up with a time-bound translation influenced by the translator’s theological presuppositions.

In the subsequent decades, a new way of translating evolved that engaged a variety of experts, from Latinists and patrologists to theologians and pastors, musicians and poets, and specialists in English literature. Such a collaborative model of translation sought to reach a final product that was at once more

precise and more memorable. It was a task as ambitious as the process to achieve it was complex.

The first agent of liturgical translation is the conference of bishops, which is charged by the Council Fathers with the translation and approval of liturgical texts. Bishops, however, are not necessarily translators, so experts need to be engaged to accomplish this work. For this

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purpose, the Holy See forms mixed commissions at the requests of the conferences of bishops, organizations devoted exclusively to the development of translations of liturgical texts into a common language. The mixed commission for the English language is called the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) and is made up of the eleven major conferences of bishops where English is spoken. ICEL employs specialists from around the English-speaking world to assist in its work of translating the Latin liturgical books into the sort of English that is spoken today.

Over the past decade, our conference of bishops, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has reviewed translations of the Roman Missal produced by ICEL in several different forms. In November 2009,

the bishops approved the last of the twelve segments of the Roman Missal by the requisite two-thirds vote of all *de iure* Latin rite members.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, essentially the Pope’s Liturgy Office, hold the responsibility of reviewing all translations of liturgical texts that have been approved by the conferences of bishops. So important is the task of confirmation of the Roman Missal, that with the advent of the instruction *Liturgiam Authenticam*, the congregation undertook the formation of a committee of advice on the question of the translation of English-language liturgical texts.

On March 25, 2010, the English language edition of the Roman Missal was confirmed. (Changes in the text may be seen at www.usccb.org and entering “Mass translation” in the search box.)

The proper understanding of the texts from the newly translated 1,200-page missal will be a challenge for catechists and all pastoral practitioners for decades to come.

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Editor’s note: More information on the new translation will be posted in the parish bulletin this fall.



Meet our STM RCIA Team

RCIA is the process by which adults are welcomed, initiated, and incorporated into our Catholic faith. It is a process that formally begins in September and runs weekly through Easter. Meet the dedicated team of volunteers, who make this process at Saint Thomas More one of the strongest in the region.

Rita Armstrong and Porter Hovey

For their first date, Rita Armstrong and Porter Hovey went to the Rite of Election at the Cathedral, where RCIA candidates from around the diocese were presented to the bishop to be welcomed into the universal Catholic Church. Although he was an Episcopalian, Porter found himself serving as an usher for the event alongside Rita. Several years into their marriage, and after three years in the RCIA process, Porter himself was one of the RCIA candidates presented to the bishop during the Rite of Election. With a real gift for hospitality and humor, Rita and Porter are now mainstays on Saint Thomas More's RCIA Team.

Fran and Hollis Hanover

Over ten years ago, Fran Hanover followed her long-time yearning to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic. Curious but not totally convinced, her husband, Hollis Hanover joined her in the RCIA process at Saint Thomas More. Over the years since they have decided to make Saint Thomas More their spiritual home, their leadership on the RCIA Team has included many varied roles – teaching and praying with candidates; serving as sponsors; preparing children for the sacraments; coordinating the Easter Vigil reception; etc. Many lives have been touched by their humble willingness to serve wherever they are needed the most. They preach the Gospel by their loving actions.

Jim and Charlotte Humphrey

Jim and Charlotte Humphrey were among the first volunteers on the RCIA Team when the process was initiated at Saint Thomas More over twenty years ago. In that time their presence has made all the difference for countless RCIA participants. They have a healthy balance

volunteers. They have a wonderful way of noticing what needs to be done, and quietly doing it without much guidance or fanfare. They do not just minister to RCIA candidates, they take them into their hearts. Jim and Jackie share their faith, by the powerful way they live it.



between an open, non-judgmental attitude, and a deep conviction to their values and beliefs. The transparent way they share their lived faith experiences creates a safe and trusting environment for intimately exploring faith. They welcome and accept people as they are, and patiently let them grow in faith at their own pace. Charlotte and Jim's faith is contagious and their leadership is essential to the RCIA process in our parish.

Jim and Jackie Johnson

When Jim Johnson went off to graduate studies in Physics, his close college friend entered the seminary. Their theological conversations led Jim to investigate and eventually join the Catholic Church along with his wife, Jackie Johnson. Because Jackie and Jim are not content to sit on the sidelines of their faith, Saint Thomas More's RCIA Team has been blessed with two very dedicated

John and Nancy Loughner

During his time as an RCIA candidate, John Loughner became known by the statement, "I have a question..." John joined the Catholic Church, and had his Marine dog tags changed from Lutheran to Catholic, but apparently he still had more questions. This year, he brought that questioning spirit along with his eternally patient wife, Nancy Loughner to the RCIA Team. If you ask John and Nancy what they contribute to the RCIA process, they would probably say it is all the grunt work they do. However, if you ask the rest of the RCIA Team and the other RCIA participants, they would say how much they appreciate John and Nancy's alive and growing faith, which is mirrored in their humble, tireless, and committed service.

Fred O'Dwyer

How do you live the Catholic faith in the fiercely competitive

business world? How do you remain true to yourself and God when the life pulls you in so many different directions? How do you stay focused on God amidst the stresses and pressures of time? RCIA candidates have found Fred O'Dwyer a great role model as a man who is trying to faithfully live into these questions. He offers the wisdom learned from his real life experiences, and the compassion of a person who continues to struggle. Fred's balanced presence is a real gift to the RCIA Team.

Maggie Redmond

As our RCIA candidates search for meaning and peace in their lives, Maggie Redmond offers the nurturing presence of an experienced mother and grandmother. As they struggle with life's challenges, she brings the spirit of hope and strength born out of her own share of heartaches. As they search for faith, she simply lives her faith. The RCIA Team is much more tender, grounded, and authentic because Maggie has chosen to be a part of us.

Matt Scanlon

Matt Scanlon's grandparents have been familiar faces around Saint Thomas More. Recently we even found audio cassette tapes of his grandmother teaching RCIA sessions. We are so blessed that Matt's faith journey has also led him to Saint Thomas More. Spiritually he brings a youthful, positive, and confident presence to the RCIA Team. Technically, he professionally video tapes our RCIA sessions. The dvds he produces for us, which are light years better than the cassettes we found of his grandmother, make it possible for candidates to replay complicated subjects, or to make up sessions they have to miss in their busy lives. What a wonderful way to honor his grandparents!

Joe Stokes

Joe Stokes was first attracted to the Catholic Church by the kindness he received from Catholics during a tough time in his life. Even as an RCIA candidate, Joe was extending his own goodwill, and now he is also a Catholic showing Christ's presence to others. As a part of the RCIA Team, no task is too small or too big

for Joe to willingly tackle. He has the knack of being there when his help is needed most. Joe has a quiet way of taking care of people behind the scenes. He keeps warning us that we cannot get rid of him. We sure hope not!

Linda Zents

Linda Zents started coming to RCIA sessions to learn more about her Catholic faith. Because volunteering is in her nature, she soon found herself a sponsor and a valuable member of the RCIA Team. Linda has a big heart but simple needs. She is as quick with a contagious laugh as she is with a helping hand. She is serious about her faith, but not about herself. We are so grateful for the volunteers who have joined us because Linda makes it all look like so much fun. †

For more information

Contact our RCIA Director,
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Dancing with the Stars Raises funds for Various Causes

Jerry and Mary Ellen Anselmo, parishioners

A total of \$15,000 was raised for STM-for-All, including \$14,000 raised by participant Patty Waris. (The \$15,000 figure was arrived at after deducting expenses like bringing in Tony and Anna from ABC's Dancing with the Stars.) Since Kelly Voitenko and Phil Orscheln are also parishioners, some of their money went toward STM-for-All, too. The other dancers raised money for Operation Breakthrough, Brian's scholarship at Rockhurst, and Saint John Francis Regis grade school. In total, all six dancers raised \$38,000 for Brian's Foundation.

The Anselmos present Father Don a check for \$15,000 for STM-for-All, a parish organization which "ensures that all aspects of Saint Thomas More are committed to welcoming all of God's children by providing the resources, acceptance, compassion, and love necessary to support the development of their true potential."



Men of STM

Ed VanBuskirk

Golf Tournament

The Men of STM had a busy spring. In May we held our annual Charity Golf Tournament, raising over \$8,000 for various charities including our friends in Guatemala and several projects at STM school. Over 110 men participated in a fun-filled event with the most ideal weather we could have ordered. Following the golfing, we celebrated with a BBQ dinner and raffle prize drawings including 4 tickets to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field. Plan ahead for next year's tournament on May 4.

That Man is You completes three-year cycle

Also, last April the Men of STM concluded the third of three years of the TMIY program. During these three years 323 men attended TMIY. The process was life changing for many of these men and their families as we explored what it means to be "Authentic Men After God's Own Heart." TMIY changed some of the men so much that they credit it with literally saving their marriage.

New "Alpha" Program



This September the Men of STM embark on a new, exciting and fulfilling journey called Alpha. Alpha is a ten week program that engages men of all ages, at all levels of faith including

those not so sure about God at all. Alpha also includes an extended weekend session that focuses on the Holy Spirit. The program (re)introduces Christianity in a practical way and makes it relevant to men in today's world.

Through Alpha you will examine Christianity at an intellectual level in the head and then allow it to descend about 18 inches so it sinks into your heart making it real and full of purpose.

All men, Catholic or non-Catholic, believers or non-believers will feel welcome and will be provided the opportunity to explore the question, "If you could ask God one question, what you would ask?" No matter how basic or perplexing the question, Alpha will provide you the safe environment to ask your questions and discover the answers.

The topics of the 10 sessions include:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- How can we have faith?
- Why and how do I pray?
- Why and how should I read the Bible?
- How does God guide us?
- How can I resist evil?
- Why and how should I tell others?
- Does God heal today?
- What about the Church?

One man named David says this about Alpha. "I have learned more in the space of a few weeks than I ever had in years of attending church."

You are invited

We invite all men to come experience Alpha beginning September 9. We meet on Fridays from 6:00 am to 7:30 am. Sessions include breakfast, a video, discussion, laughter and friends. To register, or for more information, contact Ed Van Buskirk (816-215-1483, Ed@TheVanBuskirks.com) or Greg Mertes (816-520-0692, gmertes2@gmail.com).



Art Project Connects Schools

Mary Zahner-Bauer

At left, STM 5th graders, led by alumni Jenny Anwander, Annie Lobb and Jessica Bauer, create a hand print painting to send to our Guatemala mission school. (See it hung in the background of the picture at right.)

At right in the foreground, Guatemala 5th grade students reciprocate with their own hand print art which will be presented to the STM school 6th grade in the fall.



Dates to remember:

AUGUST

15	Monday	Feast of the Assumption
16	Tuesday	First Day of STM School, noon dismissal
17	Wednesday	Back To School Night, 7 ^{PM}
18	Thursday	More Friends Card Party, Noon
19	Friday	Summer Friday Series, 6:45 ^{AM}
21	Sunday	Spirit Wear Sale, More Hall Youth Confirmation, 5-7 ^{PM}
31	Wednesday	Celebration Choir begins, 7:30 ^{PM}

SEPTEMBER

1	Thursday	STM Preschool begins
7	Wednesday	Adult Bible Study begins, 9:30 ^{AM} OR 7 ^{PM}
10	Saturday	Parish Picnic, 4-9 ^{PM}
11	Sunday	Youth Confirmation, 5-7 ^{PM}
12	Monday	Women's Bible Study begins, 7 ^{PM}
14	Wednesday	Respect Life meeting, 7 ^{PM}
18	Sunday	Spiritual Adoption with Respect Life
22	Thursday	School Picture Day
24	Saturday	Cool Parent Academy, 9 ^{AM} -NOON
25	Sunday	STM-for-All Shredding Day Serra Club Greeting Cards available Youth Confirmation, 5-7 ^{PM}

OCTOBER

2	Sunday	Life Chain, 1 ^{PM}
4	Tuesday	Pastoral Council Leadership Dinner, 6 ^{PM}
7	Friday	No STM School
9	Sunday	Youth Confirmation, 5-7 ^{PM}
10	Monday	Knights of Columbus Day Dinner, 6 ^{PM}
18	Tuesday	More News articles due
19	Wednesday	More Friends Halloween Party, 5:30 ^{PM}
23	Sunday	Youth Confirmation, 5-7 ^{PM}
27	Thursday	Parent Teacher Conferences
29	Saturday	Service To More Day

NOVEMBER

3	Thursday	Confirmation Celebration, 7 ^{PM}
4	Friday	Friday Night at the Movies, 7 ^{PM}
12	Saturday	Auction
27	Sunday	Christmas Basket Collection begins

FUTURE DATES

December 3	Saturday	More Friends Christmas Party
December 3-4	Saturday/Sunday	RCIA Rite of Welcoming
December 20	Tuesday	Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 ^{PM}
January 29	Sunday	Catholic Schools Week begins
February 4	Saturday	SouperBowl, 5 ^{PM}
February 12-16	Sunday-Thursday	Parish Mission



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