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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.

Called & Gifted - Journey of Faith

Melinda Smith, Pastoral Council Chair

On Sunday, February 13, approximately 250 people gathered in More Hall for the first session of "Called and Gifted - a journey of faith." At the same time, over 100 children and their teachers participated in the children's version of the same program. This program, sponsored by the Pastoral Council, Adult Faith Formation Team and the Future's Team, was initiated to instruct and inspire parishioners of STM in the spirituality of stewardship. It was our hope, that by offering this program at a different time of year than our Annual and Capital Campaigns, people would embrace stewardship as a lifestyle and correct any misunderstanding that it is about money.

In the first session, "Our Parish," pastoral associate David Butel shared his understanding that if we accept the call of discipleship to Jesus Christ, we will in turn develop a lifestyle of stewardship. He said that, as followers of Jesus, we are charged to keep the two great commandments that Jesus taught: to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In doing so, we are stewards of all the gifts God has given us. Using and developing these gifts to serve others, in relationship with God, is our gift or offering to God. David's talk was followed by a video presentation of the history of STM compiled by Paul Hentzen and Chris Sweeny. (See www.stmkc.com, search key word "history" to view the video) Paul and Chris pointed out that the seeds sown in the past by founding STM parishioners are being reaped by each of us. They encouraged all to stand on the shoulders of those who came before and to sow seeds that will be reaped by future generations. The session concluded with a

presentation by Jim Humphrey challenging each participant to recognize that in the word CH_RCH what is missing is "U." We are the Church, the body of Christ, called to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ.



"My Spirituality," session 2, focused on developing an individual relationship with God and discerning how God wants each of us to relate with others and all of God's creation. Descriptions of different traditional spiritualities and types of prayer were shared along with a handout of spiritual resources available via the internet, periodicals, books, TV, radio and even iPhone apps. Participants were encouraged to find what aspect of prayer and spirituality appealed to them and to make it a part of each day. Emphasis was placed not so much on the length of time spent but in the consistency of making it a daily part of our lives. Just as a human relationship requires the presence of both people to grow, so does

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More News

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Submissions

...can be sent to the editor. The Summer issue is to be delivered May 6, 2011. Submissions are due April 5, 2011. E-mail submissions are preferred. Submission guidelines and deadlines are posted at www.stmkc.com - text search "More News."

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A Super Night at the Souper Bowl!

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

The STM Souper Bowl was held on Saturday evening, February 5, in More Hall. The purpose of this annual event is to continue to draw attention to the problem of poverty and hunger in the United States. Hunger in the United States continues to increase. Statistics from 2009 show that over 43 million Americans live in poverty and 50 million live in food insecure households - 33 million adults and 17 million children.



Patty Waris presented Jerry Cooke with the Bill Waris Award for outstanding service to those in need.

This year, 130 people attended the Souper Bowl and Jerry Cooke received the Bill Waris Service Award for outstanding service to those in need. For more than six decades, Jerry has served the less fortunate in Kansas City through the Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ozanam, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Amnesty International, Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, Llamba and Christmas in October.

Laura Gray, Executive Director of Community LINC was present to talk about the work of that organization in helping move people from homelessness to self-sufficiency by offering transitional housing, counseling, coaching, budgeting training for life-skills and healthy lifestyles and a children's program. Those attending the 2011 Souper Bowl took up a collection for Community LINC, which totaled \$930.

Congratulations to Jerry Cooke and thank you to all those who attended. The Souper Bowl continues to highlight the many great things that Saint Thomas More parishioners are doing to make a difference in the lives of other people! †

Community LINC

Rita Tiehen, Community LINC Coordinator

The 2011 Apartment Wish List

We have 24 apartments that we turn over at least once a year. Due to wear, we replace many items in each apartment every year. If you would like to assist in keeping apartments furnished there are several ways to do so:

1. If you are able to purchase items, or donate from your home, we are happy to accept your donations at Community LINC, or you can call Rita Tiehen to arrange for pick-up. (816/941-0586)

2. If you would like to purchase some items in quantities, we are happy to store them until they are needed.
3. If you would like to purchase gift cards to Target or WalMart, they will be very useful when re-furnishing apartments.
4. Cash is great. Please just note on your donation that you are donating for apartment furnishings.
5. If you would like to purchase items on-line directly from Target, or similar stores, you can have them sent directly to Community LINC using the information at the right.

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Community LINC Items needed

Kitchen:

floor mats
shelf lining paper
mops w/ replacement sponges
broom/dust pan
pots/pans (Target has \$20 set)
baking dishes
cookie sheets
coffee pots (new or used)
microwaves (new or used)
mixing bowls
silverware sets
measuring cups/spoons
kitchen knives
toasters (new or used)
kitchen towels/oven mitts
dish drainers
silverware trays
baby spoons/sippy cups
large trash cans

Bath:

shower curtain liners/hooks
shower curtain rods
tooth brush holders
soap dishes
towel sets (new or slightly used)

Bedroom:

mattress covers, twin or queen
sheets sets, twin or queen
comforter sets, twin or queen
pillows (Target has \$3 pillows)
bed skirts, twin or queen

Living areas:

tablecloths (vinyl are great)
place mats

Miscellaneous

vacuums (new or used)
cleaning supplies
laundry baskets †

Mailing:

Community LINC
c/o Rita Tiehen
4012-14 Troost
Kansas City, MO 64110-1234
816/531-3727

To get involved:

Contact Rita Tiehen at
rtiehen@kc.rr.com
or 816/ 941-0586

About Community LINC

Community LINC, located at 40th and Troost, provides transitional housing for homeless families. In addition to providing a place to live, LINC also provides programs to help enable these families to move on to a better life.

Some of the programs provided:

- Personal Life Coaching
- Life Skills/Parenting classes
- Personal budgeting Coaching
- GED Tutors and College or Vocational Support
- Employment support (help finding a job, day care and transportation)
- Assistance with finding permanent housing.

Respect Life Committee

Ann Verhulst, Chair

In memory of the 38th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court abortion decision, the Respect Life Committee sponsored two O'Hara High School students, Sammi, a sophomore, and Sharon, a freshman, to attend the March for Life in Washington, D. C. They were excited and thankful for the experience. The students will come to our February meeting to report on the activities during their four day trip.

Many from our parish joined us in an all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Rosary and Benediction led by Father Duc on January 24. Also, some members of our group attended the prayer vigil at the Federal Court House downtown that was sponsored by Missouri Right to Life.

Eleven of us attended the **Kansas for Life Valentine Banquet** with speaker, Michael Clancy, the photographer of the world famous picture of the baby who grasped his surgeon's finger from the womb.

Coming soon

In March we will be listening to keynote speaker, Rebecca Kiessling, at the Missouri Right to Life banquet.

On April 5th, you will find us at the **"Show Me Life**

Lobby Day" at the Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City. We will attend a rally and meeting with our senators and representatives to discuss and lobby for pro life legislation.

In appreciation for the 8th grade students and teachers' help erecting the crosses on the Church lawn last October and taking part in the Spiritual Adoption program, we will host the **annual 8th grade luncheon** for the students and teachers in April.

Our annual **Carnation Sale** will take place on Mother's Day weekend after all the Masses. On this same weekend, we will host a shower for a local pregnancy center to culminate our Spiritual Adoption program. Please remember to pray for the child who you named and adopted during these nine months. You will find a poster in the narthex with the growing development of your unborn child.

Look for the **fetal model display** in the narthex! The models range in age from 7 weeks to 30 weeks gestation. Fliers for local pregnancy centers are also available. †

All are invited to join us at our meetings (2nd Wednesday of every month, 7:00PM in More Hall, room A) or participate in our events. Contact Ann Verhulst at 816/763-5247 or aaverhulst@yahoo.com.

The Upper Room

Jenny Mertes, Parishioner

How can I make the world a better place? This can be a difficult question for adults to contemplate. Now imagine how you might have responded to this at age 13. The question was presented to the 8th grade Girl Scout Troop at Saint Thomas More Church in south Kansas City, as part of the Girl Scout Silver Award journey. These motivated students decided that they certainly were capable of making the world a better place.

After discussing many different issues affecting our city, Mary Mertes, Bailey Verhulst and Danielle Finger chose to help children learn to read by participating in The Upper Room/One to One Challenge based at Saint



STM School students Mary and Bailey deliver books from book drive to Jerry McEvoy, Executive Director of The Upper Room.

Louis Parish, an urban core Catholic parish. This program offers a successful accelerated reading program to help students enrolled in the Kansas City School District and area charter schools improve their skills through one-on-one tutoring. The students were particularly interested in helping at Saint Louis Parish, since Saint Thomas More has a “twinning” relationship with this parish. Also, the Saint Thomas More current pastor, Father Don Farnan, helped establish The Upper Room.

According to Colleen McEvoy Schorgl, Volunteer Coordinator, “Books are the lifeblood of our After School

and Summer Program. We have a laser beam focus on reading and use Accelerated Reader to measure our student’s progress. In the 2010 summer we had 2,500 children attend our program at 23 area site locations. Each location has a library stocked with books ranging in levels 0 – 12, to accommodate all of our students reading abilities. A John Hopkins evaluation showed that the average student in our program gained one year in reading in the eight weeks they attended the summer program. The 200 students in that study read and passed quizzes on over 13,000 books. Our children develop a love of reading and are extremely excited when we receive new books.”

After learning about the program, the Scouts decided they could provide assistance in two ways: conducting a book drive and tutoring after school. Mary and Bailey began the after school tutoring in October 2010. Dasia Butler also participated in a tutoring session. In January 2010, Mary, Bailey and Danielle conducted their book drive at Saint Thomas More School. The support from school families was outstanding. In total, 2046 books were collected. Several days were spent sorting and boxing the books. Mary and Bailey then delivered the books to Jerry McEvoy, Executive Director of The Upper Room. Mr. McEvoy and The Upper Room staff were very appreciate of the donation and the time the girls spent tutoring the younger children.

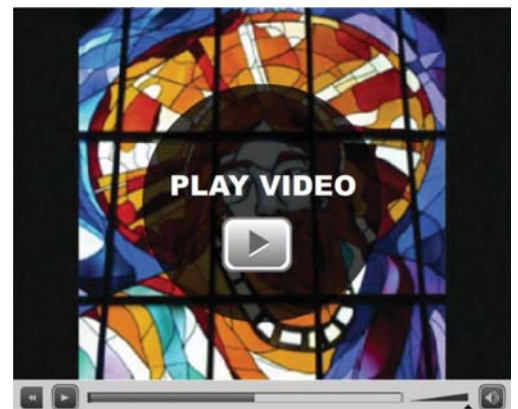
As an adult, it is good to be reminded by our children that each of us really can make a difference and make the world a better place. Mary and Bailey will receive the prestigious Girl Scout Silver Award from the Regional Girl Scout Council at the annual honors award ceremony in March. †

If you would like to volunteer or provide assistance for The Upper Room/One to One Challenge, please contact Mrs. Schorgl at 913-339-8332.

On our website

Did you miss mention of it on page 1? New on our website is a parish history video compiled by Paul Hentzen and Chris Sweeny. (Go to www.stmkc.com, search key word “history” to view the video)

Oh, and you might also like to sign up for email funeral notices (and lots of other helpful, informative stuff). Look for the “Email Me!” link on the home page of our website.



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a relationship with God. God is always present. The question is, are we? A personal spiritual reflection was then shared by Dick Shaw and the Talent, Aptitude and Purpose Survey (TAP) was introduced for all to complete before the last session.

Session 3, "Our Gifts and Ministry," found parishioners gathered in groups by common spiritual gifts and interests identified through the TAP Survey. Discussion was facilitated by table leaders regarding possible



implementation of these gifts in ministries already in place and also in "dream ministries," those identified as being needed but not yet organized. Parishioners were encouraged to discern what God is calling each of us to do that will serve Him and our community while, at the same time, bringing joy to our hearts. One of the goals of this session was to help new parishioners or those who are not involved to find a place in our parish. Parishioners who are already active were challenged to evaluate whether their present ministry was using their talents in the best way possible. It was also acknowledged that through our life journey, our abilities will change and grow. It is beneficial to periodically evaluate our involvement and make adjustments to increase the benefit of

our church, by virtue of our baptism, confirmation and participation in the Eucharist, are "called to participate actively and co-responsibly in the Church's mission of salvation in the world." The bishops go on to say that everyone "has a responsibility to answer the call to mission and to develop the gifts that she or he has been given." Responding to the call by using our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure to serve God and our brothers and sisters is stewardship. This calling was first made to God's children by Jesus, the Son of God. It continues today through the presence of the Holy Spirit, if we will only listen. †



our work and the joy derived from it.

The name of our program, "Called and Gifted," was derived from the decree with the same name by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, recognizing that the laity of





STM Father Daughter Dance

Lisa Kist, Parishioner

The Father-Daughter Dance will be held again this year on **Saturday, May 7**, in More Hall. This event was a huge hit last year with fathers and daughters alike. Proceeds from the dance benefit STM-for-All, a ministry committed to advocating inclusive education at our school. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and backpacks. †



STM Alumni

Kathy Maguire, Alumni Association Member

Picture display donated

The STM graduating class of 2009 donated the frame and framing of our schools graduating classes from 1970 to the present. The frame has plenty of room to continue adding our future graduates and is located in our beautiful new narthex.

Staying connected

If you would like to be on our e-mail mailing list and receive alumni communications from the STM Alumni Association, please send your name (maiden also), e-mail address, mailing address and phone number (and year graduated from STM School, if applicable) to magoo@residentialsewage.com. You can also find us on Facebook. †



Catholic Schools Week Living Rosary



Two Win-Win Fundraisers for STM School

Looking for a way to support STM School without pulling out your checkbook for one more thing? These two opportunities make the most of money you already spend! Spend the same money you are already using, but re-direct HOW you use it and STM School benefits, too!

Scrip Cards

You have probably used gift cards before...and purchased them for others. Any cards purchased through our school will produce funds for STM School....anywhere from 2% to 25% profit! Purchase "Scrip" cards for places like WalMart, HyVee, Applebees, Starbucks, Target, Omaha Steaks, Wendy's, Bath & Body Works, Pottery Barn, Barnes & Noble, Chipotle, Cabela's or even a

VISA pre-paid card to use anywhere. Choose from over 100 participating retailers. A percentage of each card purchased is given to STM School. Scrip can be used to purchase everyday items (even your own groceries!) or given as gifts.

These cards may be purchased after weekend Masses in the narthex. To find out more about the Scrip program or see a list of other stores and the percentage given to the school, visit the school website (www.stmclones.org) and click on "Scrip Info" under the Files/Forms "Quick Link." Order forms (available on-line or in the school office) and payment are due at the school office by Mondays at noon and cards may be picked up on Friday afternoon. Questions? Please contact Colleen

Effertz at ceffertz@kc.rr.com or 943-0936.

Magazine Subscriptions

Do you have any magazine subscriptions? Renew your subscriptions with STM School and 45% of the purchase price will be given to the school. To place an order, go to the school website, www.stmclones.org, and click on the Magazine Fundraising Website "Quick Link." On this site, enter the school code: HELPSTM. When asked for a student name, list first name as "No" and last name as "Student." This is good ALL YEAR LONG. When you give subscriptions as gifts or just renew your own, remember STM School. †

Geography Bee Winners

The STM School Geography Bee, sponsored by National Geographic, was held on Friday, January 14. We congratulate the following student representatives:

- Grade 4 - Joseph Rozell and Kyle Ziegler
- Grade 5 - Matthew Doty and Drew Sulzer
- Grade 6 - Megan Lewer and Seth Walker
- Grade 7 - Jake Majors and Ben McKim
- Grade 8 - Tom Gordon and Michael Lonergan

Matthew Doty won and Tom Gordon was runner-up. Matthew is now in the second phase to determine if he will qualify for participation at the state competition. †

Spelling Bee Contestants and Winners

The school spelling bee was held February 8. The contestants were: Mitch Tarwater, Morgan Muller, Morgan Richards, Laura Wombwell, Alex Crayon, Theresa Demel, Riley Krueel, Trevor White, Mary Mertes and Ally Drummond. The winner of the spelling bee was Alex Crayon and the runner up was Theresa Demel. Everyone did a fantastic job! Alex will compete at the county spelling bee in March. †

School Boiler Goes, Help Needed

From time to time, an emergency need arises in the parish, despite our best and ongoing efforts to plan for contingencies. Recently, a boiler at the school went out, and it will cost \$25,000 to replace it. If you would like to make a donation toward this special need which will greatly benefit our students, please note "boiler" on your check and we'll be sure it's used toward this important project. Thank you for your generosity. †

Honoring Family Scholarship

In recognition of the sacrifices that families make to send their children to Catholic schools, the diocese established the Honoring Family scholarship program. Beginning in the fall of 2011, each family with a student enrolled in a diocesan high school and at least one other student enrolled in diocesan school can access a scholarship for the oldest child. Applications are available at the diocesan high schools, including O'Hara. †

Saint Joseph Day Celebration March 19, 2011

Angie DiFidi, Chair

The day will begin with 8:15am mass followed by the blessing of the table. Serving traditional pasta meal from 11am to 7pm with items on the table available for purchase starting at 1pm that day. Cookies and cannoli's for purchase throughout the day. All proceeds will be distributed to the needy.

Helpers needed

Parishioners are invited to participate in the preparation which will begin on Monday, March 14. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Also, bring cookies, decorated cakes or any food items you prepare for the table on Wednesday, March 16. For those bringing Italian biscotti's, please try to make 5 lbs flour. If there is anyone that would like to help decorate/design the main Saint Joseph Table shown in the photo here, please contact me at the number above as soon as possible. **Contact Angie DiFidi 816-942-5205.** †



Saint Joseph Day Schedule

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 8-9

10AM Making/Baking Fig Cookies

Sunday, March 13, 7PM

Table will be set up in More Hall

Monday, March 14, 10AM

Draping the Table

Tuesday, March 15, 10AM

Delivery and cleaning of vegetables.

Wednesday, March 16, 10AM

Bring your favorite cookies and food items to More Hall

Thursday March 17, 10AM

Packing cookies & food items for table.

Friday, March 18, 10AM

Preparation of Fratata's, pizza's, rice balls & other food items

Saturday, March 19

Saint Joseph Day Celebration

8:15AM Mass/blessing table after Mass

11AM - 7PM Traditional pasta meal



Men Of STM Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, May 6, 2011

1:00pm Shotgun Start (12:15pm check-in)

Dinner immediately following Tournament at STM More Hall

Thank you for your support of the 2010 Men of STM Charity Golf Tournament. Below are several ways you can be a part of the Golf Tournament. Please complete the information below and return it with your check or donation to the address listed below. All checks are to be made payable to "Men of STM."

Please keep the top portion of this form for your records, as we are a tax-deductible organization. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The money collected after expenses will be donated to Neighbors in Need Fund at STM and we will also be contributing to the STM Guatemala Action Fund.

Note: \$50 of your payment for golf is tax-deductible.

Eagles Landing Golf Course
4200 Bong Avenue
Belton, MO
(816)318-0004

Please complete the following information and return the bottom of this form to the address listed below: (you may check more than one box)

- \$150 Hole sponsor: Your name, company name or logo will be posted on the tee box of one of the holes on the golf course.
- I would like to donate the following certificate or merchandise: _____
Approximate value: _____
- \$125 Per Player. Includes green fee, cart, refreshments, dinner, awards and prizes. If signing up as a team, please list all team members. If signing up individually, we will find you a team.
- \$12 for Dinner only

Company Name & Signature _____ (Sponsors only)

Name/Contact _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____ Fax (_____) _____

Team Members _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL

**Please return completed form with payment to:
STM Men's Golf Tournament, c/o Charles "Chip" McKenzie,
11813 Summit St.
Kansas City, MO 64114**

For questions or more information call:
Chip McKenzie: 816/942-9261 or
Ed Van Buskirk 816/941-9567

Knights of Columbus Council 14270

John Kelly, Chair

First Principle of the Knights is Charity

The annual Survey of Fraternal Activity showed total charitable contributions reached \$151,105,867. The figure includes \$34,627,530 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$116,477,971 in contributions from state and local councils assemblies and Squires circles. The survey also indicated that the quantity of volunteer service hours to charitable causes by Knights grew to 69,251,926. There were more than 413,000 Knights of Columbus blood donations during the year and, among the most common service programs, Habitat for Humanity received 227,900 K of C volunteer hours.



Ed Thomas, chairman of the Charity Committee, and Grand Knight Jack Ryan presented a \$1,200 check to STM Pastoral Associate David Butel. The contribution assisted needy parish families at Christmas.

Free Throw Championship

The parish level competition in the Knights Free Throw Championship was held January 16 in STM gym. Congratulations to those who were tops in their age group: Matthew Moriarty & Mandy Mayer (age 10), Bridget Roudebush & Charlie Krebs (age 11), Brett Evans Mary & Kate Grimaldi (age 12), Beth Borgmeyer & Danny Hoop (age 13), Sam Krebs & Samantha Ruiz (age 14). They move on to the district level. Last year more than 223,000 sharpshooters



participated in over 3,200 local competitions.

Seminarian Support

At the January business meeting, the council voted to support seminarian Sam Geringer with a donation of \$500 through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). In addition, council members support him through cards, letters and emails. Sam is currently studying at Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri. His home parish is Saint George in Odessa, Missouri.

Second Principle of the Knights is Unity

There really is strength in numbers. Consider becoming a member of an international Catholic fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in over 13,000 local councils.

Knights & STM Work Together in Support of Life

Saint Thomas More Council had another successful Roses for Life drive on January 8 & 9 at all Masses. Close to 1,300 roses were signed. The signed roses were sent to Senator Claire McCaskill in advance of the annual March for Life, informing her that parishioners of Saint Thomas More are against abortion.

MR Drive

The Council's annual MR Drive, which raises funds to support the mentally handicapped, brought in over \$1,600 in donations. Half the money raised is sent to the state MR fund in support of Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. The other half goes to charities benefiting those with developmental handicaps chosen by STM Council. Statewide, over \$650,000 was raised.

Third Principle of the Knights is Fraternity

During the past few months, STM Knights, spouses and families enjoyed several get-togethers: Monday Knights Football at Sand Trap, sitting together at Fifth Sunday Masses and then meeting for breakfast at nearby restaurants, as well as Knights Nights Out dinners. †

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.

13th Annual F.I.R.E. Golf Tournament

All proceeds to benefit the Foundation for Inclusive Religious Education. Tournament is April 25, 2010 at Blue Hills Country Club.

For tournament and sponsorship information go to: www.fire-program.org.

Our mission is to provide children with special needs the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education in their home parish schools.

Cub Scouts Receive Award

Joe Rozell, Parishioner

On Boy Scout Sunday, February 6, ten 4th grade STM Cub Scouts received the Parvuli Dei religious emblem. The National Catholic Committee on Scouting in cooperation with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops developed the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) program. The purpose of this emblem is to help scouts develop an awareness of God's love and of the importance of family, community, and the family of God, and to help understand the responsibilities that grow out of God's love for us. The Parvuli Dei is the second of five religious



emblems available to Catholic youth who are involved in scouting. The emblem, which the boys received today, is a medal depicting the Holy Family that is suspended from a bar pin that bears the inscription "Parvuli Dei."

The young boys worked for about 2½ months with their moms and dads to complete this program. They are Joe Bresette, Carl Frerichs, Grey Lawson, Nick Lynn, Jacob Mertes, Cameron Patton, Joseph Rozell, Michael Salvato, John Thurlo and Gabriel Whipple. †

Dates to remember:

Wednesday	March 9	Ash Wednesday; Masses at 6:15AM, 8:15AM, 9:30AM (School Mass), 6:30PM
Monday	March 14	STM School spring break begins
Saturday	March 19	Saint Joseph Day celebration
Tuesday	March 22	More Friends Day of Reflection
Thursday	April 14	ChrisM Mass at the Cathedral, 7PM
Sunday	April 17	Palm Sunday
		100 Hours of Adoration begin at 6PM and go through Holy Thursday
Tuesday	April 19	Lenten Penance Service at STM, 7PM
Thursday	April 21	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM
Friday	April 22	Stations of the Cross, Noon
		Good Friday Service with Communion, 7PM
Saturday	April 23	Easter Vigil Service at 8PM
Sunday	April 24	Easter Sunday Services at 6:15AM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (no 5PM)
Sunday	May 1	1st Communion Mass, 2PM
Friday	May 6	Men of STM Golf Tournament and Dinner
Saturday	May 7	Father-Daughter Dance, 6-9PM
Sunday	May 8	Mother's Day
		Respect Life Carnation Sales and Baby Shower
Tuesday	May 17	8th Grade - Last School Mass
Wednesday	May 18	8th Grade Graduation, 5PM
Thursday	May 19	8th Grade Dinner Dance



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Lent and Easter at Saint Thomas More

Lent

Ash Wednesday

Masses: 6:15AM, 8:15AM, School Mass (9:30AM), and 6:30PM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6PM (Noon Stations are still in planning)

Adoration*

Fridays, after 8:15AM Mass until 8:15AM Mass on Saturday

Boy Scout Fish Fry

Fridays - March 11 & 25 and April 1, 8 & 15

Lenten Penance Service at STM:

Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00PM

Holy Week/Easter Sunday

Adoration*

Beginning 6PM on Palm Sunday until midnight on Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday: 7:00PM

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: Noon
Evening service (with Communion): 7:00PM

Easter Vigil: 8:00PM

Easter Sunday: 6:15AM, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM
(NO 5:00PM Mass).

***Adoration note:**

Schedule sheets will be placed in the Narthex near the chapel room for voluntary sign up. New schedule sheets will be placed each Saturday before the 8:15AM Mass, beginning March 5. Signing the schedule is a one hour commitment for the following Friday and not a commitment for each Friday in Lent. A small sign near schedule sheets will contain instructions for covering the monstrance when only person in Adoration must leave and for church entry through the night. Please participate for the greater glory of God and a prayerful Lenten season.

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