



Summer 2011

Receiving More News Electronically

Go to www.stmkc.com and either click on the link below "Email Me!" and sign up for e-delivery of More News, or text search the site for "More News" and read it online.

More Inside

Justice	2-4, 11
STM School	4-5
Knights Of Columbus	10
and much more...	

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.

Father Bill Bauman Remembered

Joan Sandford, Coeditor

On April 25-26, we celebrated the life and ministry of Father Bill Bauman, pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish from June 1992 until his retirement in June 2004. Given that he was in much pain, it is a blessing that Father Bill went quickly. However, we have lost another great priest with his passing. Taking his last breath on April 17, Palm Sunday, seemed very fitting (with his knowledge and love of liturgy) and gave us a different perspective on this year's Triduum, thinking about him enjoying what must have been his best Holy Week ever.

Through his work in liturgy, Father Bill touched many lives throughout the United States. With his vision for working collaboratively in ministry and serving those in need, he has touched many lives throughout Kansas City. There have been many wonderful tributes to him...in The Catholic Key, on the Kansas City Star website, spoken at his wake and funeral Mass. He will be missed.

A legacy he leaves with us at Saint Thomas More is our ministry with Guatemala. Though we have had a pastoral associate responsible for Justice Ministry, Father Bill always took the time to be the staff liaison with this ministry himself. In gratitude for his service with them, our Guatemala sister parish named a library for him. He helped set up a safe, new school for the Mayan children and was invited to dedicate the new site. Visiting often and taking lessons in Spanish helped Father Bill to converse with the people he dearly loved and he was even able to say Masses (including delivering homilies) in Spanish. He was always at home there. I can still picture him standing in the little lean-to near the new

school property and joking with others in our mission group about that being his new retirement home when he was ready to retire!

At Saint Thomas More, we have enjoyed many other gifts that Father Bill brought to the table: his knowledge of liturgy that enabled him to plan and execute beautiful liturgies, his organization and management skills, his ability to delegate, his desire for collaborative ministry, his skill as a weatherman (to know if we would be rained or snowed out of events!), his sense of fairness and his unforgettably deep voice, to name a few. To his last days at Little Sisters of the Poor, Bill talked about wanting his final liturgies (his own vigil service and funeral Mass) to be beautiful experiences, allowing representation from people who met him in different places on his walk in life, to be fair by including everyone. And they were.

May God bless you, Bill, and may you continue to watch over and guide us. † [See p.6 for note from Guatemalan Consul General.]



Father Bill speaking at his retirement party in 2004.

More News

...is a quarterly newsletter of the Saint Thomas More Parish community In Kansas City, Missouri and is mailed to all active, registered parishioners. Submissions are open to all parish groups

Submissions

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

Coeditor

Joan Sandford
816/ 942-2492x202
joan@stmkc.com

Art Director/ Coeditor

Bob Sandford
816/ 942-2492x212
bob@stmkc.com



Saint Thomas More Parish
11822 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
(816) 942-2492
www.stmkc.com
information@stmkc.com

Saint Joseph Table Benefits the Poor

Angie DiFidi, Chairperson

The Saint Joseph Day committee appreciates all the donations that enabled the committee to donate \$13,000 to the following:

- Saint Thomas More Neighbors in Need
- Uplift
- Friends of Special People
- Sister Servants of Mary
- Westside Community Action
- Kansas City Foundation

Thanks again to all the volunteers who assisted in making all these donations to the needy possible.†



Respect Life Committee

Ann Verhulst, Chair

On March 26, twenty one members of the Respect Life Committee attended the Missouri Right to Life "Stand Up For Life" Banquet. Conceived in rape, keynote speaker Rebecca Kiessling, a pro life attorney, gave her personal testimony to those in attendance. This year's ProLife Clergy Award was presented to Bishop Robert Finn for his numerous pro-life endeavors and our own Respect Life Committee member, Allan Verhulst received the Joe Palermo Award for his long time service in the prolife community.

We join hundreds of other across the State, at the ProLife Action Day at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City. We meet with our Representatives and Senators to discuss and lobby for pro-life legislation. A rally was held at noon with guest speaker Abby Johnson, author of the book "Unplanned". She was the director



This year's Pro Life Clergy Award was presented to Bishop Robert Finn.

of Planned Parenthood in Texas for eight years before becoming a pro life advocate.

In appreciation for the 8th. grade students and teachers' help in erecting the crosses on the Church lawn last October

Continued on p. 3

More News

Respect Life, continued from p. 2

and taking part in the Spiritual Adoption program, we will be hosting the annual 8th. grade luncheon for the students and teachers on May 4th. Tee shirts, little feet pins and "Pure Love" booklets will be given to the students.

The annual Carnation Sale will take place on Mother's Day week-end after all the Masses. On this same week-end, we will host a shower for a local pregnancy center to end 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.

The Respect life Committee took part in the culmination of the Called and Gifted Program where parishioners signed up for information on the many different ministries at STM. †

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.



Allan Verhulst received the Joe Palermo Award for his long time service in the pro-life community.

Guatemala improvements

Photos by Phil Smith



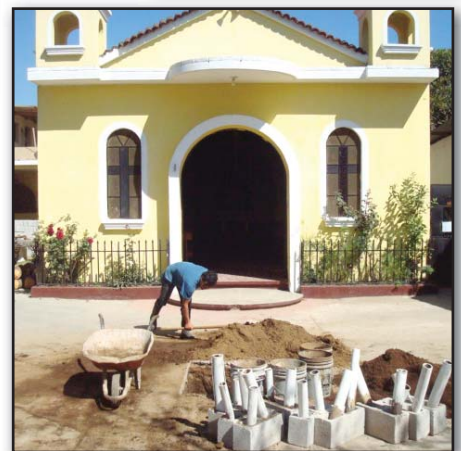
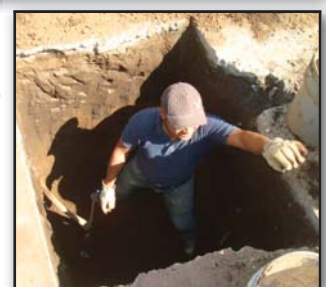
Clinic at the convent



The clean water project continues



Convent drainage and landscaping



The Upper Room Launches New Initiative

Neighborhood Transformation

The Upper Room has embarked on a new initiative to completely transform high-poverty neighborhoods. We not only provide education and other social programs, but we actually create businesses, and then train the neighbors to work at these new enterprises.

The main idea behind this initiative is to work with major institutions, such as hospitals, universities, and foundations, which we call anchor institutions. We pool the purchasing power of these anchor institutions and then divert some of their purchases to buy products now made by the neighborhood businesses. Attempts to start up inner-city businesses usually fail because there is no demand. This model starts with demand and works backwards.

Our initiative is working with two high-poverty neighborhoods which abut the Brush Creek Corridor. The anchor institutions we are working with include:

UMKC, Rockhurst University, Midwest Institute, Nelson-Atkins Museum, and the Kauffman Foundation, among others. We thank Saint Thomas More Church for help with the launching of this project, and plan to keep you updated on our progress. †

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.

Auction Report

Patrick Haake, Chair

Success continues at STM with the completion of our school's annual auction. We had our most successful auction to date in November 2010, raising \$177,715. This year's Auction Committee, headed by Lauryn and Patrick Haake, were able to deliver a wondrous evening of silent and live auction items, along with the gathering of wonderful friends and lots of great food and drink. We had our most prosperous year ever with the gathering parties, raising a record amount of money and gifts. The car raffle also had a record breaking year, with over \$30,000 in profit. Finally, we had our largest number of first time attendees and faculty ever! Thank you!

Our school continues to thrive, thanks to the

support of our parishioners. Thank you to those with children currently enrolled. Thank you those whose children have grown and who continue to support our school. Thank you to the parishioners whose grandchildren now are students. Thanks especially to those who support Saint Thomas More school because you believe in Catholic education. †

[Editor's note: see p.5 for 'A Day at Saint Thomas More School']

Another Record Breaking Blood Drive

Linda Heiman, Blood Drive co-chair

The March STM blood drive had the greatest number of blood donors ever for Saint Thomas More. Ninety people attempted to give blood and the Community Blood Center received 72 usable units for area hospitals. Thanks to everyone who participated!

The next Saint Thomas More Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 3-7PM. The summer months have the greatest need for blood and have the smallest number of donors. The Community

Did you know ... if you began donating at the age of 17 and visited your Community Blood Center every 56 days until you were 79 years old, you could donate 46.5 gallons of blood? That would help save the lives of 744 people!

Blood Center needs 580 donors each day to meet area hospitals' needs. Please take some time from your busy schedules to donate blood at our next drive.

To sign up online go to esavealifenow.org and use the sponsor code "stthomasmore" or you may call Linda Heiman at 942-0052 or Teresa Schnitker at 941-8171. Walk-ins are also welcome, just be sure to bring a photo ID. †

A Day at Saint Thomas More School

Photos by Scott Bennett, parishioner





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. †



Bible Study: Book of Revelation Coming Soon

By Mike Kleinman

Both of the STM Bible Study groups completed their study of The Acts of the Apostles in March. More than 25 parishioners completed the journey. One attendee commented, *"What a beautiful story unfolds in Acts showing us not only the glorious beginnings of the Church, but also relates some of their early struggles parallel issues facing us today."*

The Thursday evening group was facilitated by

Kathy Thomas while the Wednesday morning sessions were facilitated by Melinda Smith and Mike Kleinman.

Next fall both groups plan on studying The Book of Revelation. They will continue to use the study guides and videos which are part of the Great Adventure program offered through Ascension Press. The DVD videos feature presentations by Jeff Cavins. See the fall More News for more details. †

On the Passing of Father Bill Baumann

Hugo Hun, Consul General of Guatemala

I have heard of the passing of Father Bill Bauman. The Guatemalan community has deeply appreciated all his humanitarian help to the people of Guatemala. He will be always remembered by all the school children that he helped educate in Guatemala. He has been an inspiration to so many people in his efforts to help the poorest of poor. Our country will always be grateful for his great support.

In the name of the people of Guatemala, I present my deepest condolences to Father Bauman's family and parishioners of Saint Thomas More Catholic Church. †



Father Bill with Madre Marina Prado at the February 2004 dedication for Escuela San Bartolomé. Father Bill's leadership was key to the building of this Guatemalan school. (A classroom is pictured at left.)

Easter Vigil



Join Us for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) November 17-19, 2011

Several of our parish youth are being "Called to Glory" by attending the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the United States, November 17-19 in Indianapolis. The three-day event has been described by youth, priests and other adults as a faith-filled, action-packed, and fun! The participants are treated to some of the most amazing liturgies and prayer experiences, great speakers and clean entertainment during the conference.

Saint Thomas More Parish will be joining a delegation of other high school youth and adults from

our diocese. Please contact Johnny Greenhalgh, 942-2492 x214 or

johnny@stmkc.com.

The cost of this trip is \$500 for hotel, conference fee, bus, t-shirt, breakfast on Thursday morning and dinner at Hard Rock Café on Saturday night. The bus will leave KCMO on Wednesday evening, November 16, and leave Indianapolis on Saturday evening, November 19 (driving all night). For more information or to sign up, contact Johnny by Wednesday, June 15. †



Scouts Fish Fry



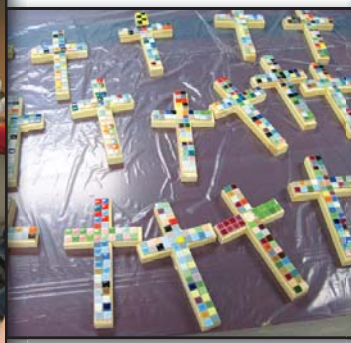
On the web

See the photo gallery on our website (click the Photo Gallery link on the right side on any page) for photos of:

- Scouts Fish Fry
- Saint Joseph Table
- Called & Gifted

Also see the Called & Gifted page (search keyword "Called and Gifted") to view a zoomable image of our kids' art work from the event.

Jesus Day and First Communion



Knights of Columbus Council 14270

John Kelly, Chair

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

STM Council 14270 will present the first annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, May 21, 7PM in More Hall. Proceeds will be used to support the council's charitable activities. Cash prizes will be awarded: \$300 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third. Pre-registration fee is \$30, walk-in fee is \$35. Contact Dave Markus at 941-9368 to register, or download an entry form from the council website by going to STMKC.com, clicking on Community Life, then Knights of Columbus. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities.

Fourth Degree

On March 19, six members of STM Council participated in the Fourth Degree Exemplification, attaining the highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus. The Fourth Degree, based on the principle of patriotism, was held at the Airport Hilton, where 102 Knights from the western district of Missouri were inducted. Congratulations to our council's newest Sir Knights: Jeff Barthol, Lawrence Countee, Darin Kamradt, John Kelly, Eric Melgaard and Doug Weishar.

STM Youth Awards Presentation

The Annual Youth Awards Presentation was April 28 at STM School. Students were recognized for achievement in Knights of Columbus activities during the past year. Essay Contest awards went to: McKenzie Torgerson (1st), Henry Roth (2nd), Anna Oliphant and Jessica Nicolesi (tied for 3rd).

STM 1st Annual BBQ Contest

Scott Bennett, Parishioner

The first annual STM Barbecue Contest, a "A friendly parish cook-off to see who's the best!" will be held Friday and Saturday, June 24th-25th, 2011. On Friday, June 24, we will set up, have a team meeting and social hour. On Saturday, June 25, we will have breakfast, judging and the awards ceremony.

Judging will be in four categories: ribs, sausage, chicken and pork tenderloin. Prizes will be awarded from 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category and grand champion.



STM Free Throw Champions

Tops in their age group at the STM Free Throw Championship were: Matthew Moriarty and Mandy Mayer (age 10), Bridget Roudebush and Charlie Krebs (age 11), Brett Evans and Mary Kate Gimaldi (age 12), Beth Borgmeyer and Danny Hoop (age 13), Sam Krebs and Samantha Ruiz (age 14). Winners at Districts were: Samantha Ruiz, Bridget Roudebush, Sam Krebs, Danny Hoop, Brett Evans and Charlie Krebs. Receiving a Knights of Columbus plaque for her participation in the Soccer Challenge was Tess Rellihan.

College Student Care Packages Program

When students go away to college they often lose touch with their church community and faith. This is a critical time because for the first time in their lives they don't have a Catholic structure built into their environment and they have yet to develop their own Catholic schedule and habits. Care packages were recently sent to 38 students from the parish, letting them know that we are praying for them and their success. The packages included handwritten letters of support and encouragement, information on staying committed to their faith, and some goodies. †

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.

The \$50 entry fee includes t-shirts, breakfast and trophies. Make checks payable to Scott Bennett and mail to:

Scott Bennett
901 West 112th Street
Kansas City, MO 64114

Helpers and Judges needed

Individuals looking to help or judge send your name to sbennett43@kc.rr.com for more information

Central City Grants 2011

Marla Byrne, parishioner

Saint Thomas More donated \$10,000 in Central City Grants to 12 different organizations in Kansas City. The Justice Ministry Team discussed 18 different application requests and decided to allocate the money as follows:

Birthright	\$1500
Mother's Refuge	\$1000
River of Refuge	\$500
Catholic Worker House	\$500
Uplift	\$800
Community Assistance Council	\$700
Urban Rangers	\$1300
CCO	\$500
TurnAround	\$1000
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$1200
Community of the Good Shepherd	\$500
Rose Brooks Center	\$500

The grant money was assigned with the intention of following the seven key themes of Catholic Social Teaching. The themes, identified by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops are as follows:

1. Sanctity of human life and dignity of the person – believing in the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.
2. Call to family, community, and participation – being in relationship with others.
3. Rights and responsibilities – “every human has the right to what is required to live a full and decent life, things such as employment, health care, and education”.
4. Preferential Option for the poor and vulnerable – taking care of the poor and vulnerable first.
5. Dignity of work
6. Solidarity – members of a group bonded together
7. Care for God's creation †

Basketball Players Help at Saint James Food Kitchen

Sarah Pendergast, STM School teacher

The Saint James Food Pantry reported that they served 1100 hot meals to the poor for the week that the Bluejays Basketball Club sponsored. The STM boys who served at the Saint James Food Pantry in April as part of the Bluejays basketball team include nine STM School students: Keegan Effertz, Danny Wallace, Martin

Radosevic, Trevor White, Garrett McNally, Danny Hoop, Jack Livingston, Matthew Allen and Danny Cuddy

Those nine were joined by STM alum John Cuddy and Dalton White, who also served.

Thanks to all of you and to Patty Waris and Kathleen Cuddy who accompanied them. †

Dates to remember:

Wednesday	May 18	8th Grade Graduation, 5PM
Thursday	May 19	Mothers of Young Children Picnic, 10AM
		8th Grade Dinner Dance
Saturday	May 21	Knights of Columbus Texas Hold 'Em Tournament
Sunday	May 22	Welcome Mass for new parishioners, 11:30AM
Friday	May 27	Last Day of School
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day - Parish Office closed
Sunday	June 5	50th Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral, 3PM
Wednesday	June 22	Blood Drive, More Hall
Friday	June 24	BBQ Contest begins
Saturday	July 9	Guatemala Trip 1 leaves
Sunday	July 17	Seton Center Back-to-School Drive
Saturday	July 23	Guatemala Trip 2 leaves
Tuesday	August 16	1st Day of School



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH

11822 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO 64131
www.stmkc.com

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Kansas City, MO
Permit No. 6315

PARISH PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a coordinator for this event!
The coordinator would:

- Be in contact with Boy Scout parents about the picnic food.
- Be in contact with the Knights of Columbus to work in the dining hall.
- Be in contact with the head room parent to “man” children’s games.
- Rent the children’s games, etc.
- Coordinate the overall event.
- Recruit set-up, clean-up and other volunteers as needed.



Interested?

If this is something in which you would be interested, individually or with another person or two, contact Kristi Powell, 942-2492 x209 or kpowell@stmkc.com.

Thank you to our bulletin advertisers, who make this newsletter possible!