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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.

## Things Are Changing – Or Are They?

Sharon Arnett, Liturgy Coordinator

This year, on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27), Catholics in the United States will begin worshipping using the revised translation of the Roman Missal (formerly called the Sacramentary). It is still the same Mass, just different words. Almost all of the prayers have been retranslated.

The current "And also with you" will become "And with your spirit." The current "We believe" will become "I believe." The current "one in being" will become "consubstantial."

### Dealing with change

Change is difficult. We become comfortable doing or saying things one way. We do it that way for many years. Then change happens. Our world turns upside down, and we have to step outside our comfort zone.

Father Farnan did not decide to make these changes; Bishop Finn did not either. This came from Rome, from the Holy Father; Pope John Paul II announced this revision during the Jubilee Year 2000. Yes, it will take some time to get used to the different words. All the music for the Mass settings will be different to accommodate the different wording and sentence structure. It is still the same Mass.

## Feasibility Study Results

Karolyn Dreiling, Director of Stewardship and Development

In September, we invited parishioners to participate in a feasibility study for Phase II of the Capital Campaign. Approximately 450 people completed the survey...thank you!

### Resources

Inside this edition of More News is a detailed comparison of the current translation beside the new translation of the people's parts. There will be pew cards with our responses for Mass and the 2012 Breaking Bread edition with both the words and the new music in the pews starting on the First Sunday of Advent. Articles have appeared in

### Special feature inside

See pages 7-10 for a comparison of the old and new wording of the Mass responses.

the STM weekly bulletin and *The Catholic Key* newspaper.

### More info

If you would like more information, excellent information is available on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), select Prayer and Worship, then Roman Missal. There are numerous books available for purchase, many at the I. Donnelly Company, 6601 Troost, KCMO. Any book or article by Father Paul Turner, a priest of our diocese, is well worth reading.

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# More News

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## Submissions

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# Helping Hands of STM is Still Making a Difference

Phil Paschang

Helping Hands has been busy with projects at Steve and Jeanne Finger's home, the Upper Room, miscellaneous neighborhood projects, and our Grandview rental home (more on that later).

You may know that when Jeanne Finger was transferred out of town, Steve was left to care for their children and ready the house for sale (quickly!). Helping Hands pitched in with painting and landscaping, and you can see the results just south of the parish office.

The Upper Room project attracted more than 25 volunteers over three weekends including almost a dozen of our confirmation candidates. We painted, cleaned, caulked, and repaired throughout the facility. Jerry and Dottie McEvoy have built an incredible ministry that deserves our support.

The Grandview house continues to support our "Neighbors in Need" budget. You may also remember that in 2009, a generous parishioner 'loaned' us a vacant rental property if we were

willing to make it livable and act as landlords. Thanks to dozens of volunteers, particularly Joe White, Phil Sutton, and Jim White, we transformed the house into an income generator for those in desperate need. To date, \$10,200 has been collected in rent of which \$4,729 has gone for rent, utility, and food assistance. Clearly the Holy Spirit is busy at work in us!



# Operation Starfish Takes Root at STM

Grace Becker

## Overcoming Poverty One Family at a Time

I would like to introduce and tell you about a new ministry to STM. Nativity parish is helping get this program off the ground, and hopefully will have their own family in the future. It started with a conversation with Sister Berta at Operation Breakthrough. She said that while she deeply appreciates all the generous donations that they receive, it is like trying to fix a broken leg with a band-aid.

In order to heal, the broken leg needs so much more support. Those words were the seeds to the foundation of Operation Starfish. The idea is based on the story of the starfish on the beach. I won't go into the whole story, but the basics are that although you may not be able to save all the starfish on the beach, you can help a few.

So many people living in generational poverty might be able to escape if they have a support system that can provide mentoring, networking, education, job training, financial help and more. Those sound like insurmountable obstacles, but when an entire church community gets involved, success is possible.

## Partnering with Operation Breakthrough

We have partnered with Operation Breakthrough to work with one of their families. They identified a mom who is working hard to beat poverty. Her name is Michelle Lee, and she has two children, Gary and Nicole. Many of you may have seen them at the recent cinnamon roll sale. It was the kickoff fundraising event to help get Michelle

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on the path toward independence. She has some debt that needs to be addressed, and then she hopes to attend community college.

### Here's what's cooking

We have other dough raising endeavors. If you love homemade bread, but the thought of making it scares you to death, we have a surprise for you. You can gather

your friends and have a "hands in the dough," bread baking party.

You read that right, **party**. Here's the deal. Grace Becker will show you the ropes and take the fear out of baking with yeast. You will leave with a new found skill of baking, along with the bread you made, and recipes you "knead" to keep on baking.

### To get involved:

If you would like to schedule a bread baking fundraiser for Starfish, please call Grace at 816-223-6797. We need at least five per class.



Michelle Lee (pictured here with her two children, Gary and Nicole) is working hard with our help to attain financial independence and break the cycle of poverty.

### We are making progress, thanks to all of you

**We** started this journey in July. To date I would like to share some of the news.

- Frank Bednar and Phil Smith helped us get a car for Michelle. That is a huge part of her being able to succeed. Thanks so much.
- Funds from the cinnamon roll sale and bread parties will help pay down her debt. All who purchased a pan of cinnamon rolls or came to the first bread party, we thank you.
- Michelle is working on enrolling in school for second semester. A Sion senior is volunteering her time to work with Gary and Nicole. Thanks, Laura.

- A Nativity parishioner is mentoring Michelle on some things.
- Michelle is signed up to volunteer both here and at Nativity.
- Michelle will work to raise funds to meet her goals, and then she will continue to help raise money to help the next Starfish candidate.

**We** could not be successful without the help of our wonderful community. Thanks to all.

If you would like to help in any way, we sure would appreciate it. We will keep you updated on this journey.

### Operation Starfish Ministries is...

*...an organization dedicated to helping families that are ready to beat poverty. Objectives include finding employers that are willing to teach necessary job training skills. We will offer a networking community to assist families with housing and transportation needs among other things. Our primary goal is to provide friendship, support and mentoring as we journey together toward an improved life full of hope, one family at a time.*

## Assistance Partnership to Begin

David Butel

For the past five years, I have been overseeing the Emergency Assistance Program at Saint Thomas More Parish, and in that time, I have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people needing assistance with rent and utility bills.

Furthermore, according to information gathered by MAACLink, an organization that tracks assistance

given by churches and agencies, one of the most underserved areas in the metropolitan area is south Kansas City.

In an effort to better respond to the need, beginning in November, Saint Thomas More Parish is entering into a partnership with Christ the King Parish and the Bishop Sullivan Center. For the months of

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November and December, the Bishop Sullivan Center will be handling the emergency assistance calls from an office at Christ the King. At the end of that two month period, we will evaluate the extent of the need and try to determine the next steps on how best to respond.

As we move forward into this new partnership, I want to thank Charlotte Humphrey, Ursula Dunnewind, Nancy Connell, Cathy Olberding, Hannah

Rues, and Jan Cowherd. These six women have been interviewing people who have been calling Saint Thomas More Parish, helping to assess their need and what we as a parish are able to do.

Obviously, we have not been able to help everyone who has come to us, but we have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of people over the past five years. †

## Upper Room Launches New Mentoring Program

Mallory Dahmer



The Upper Room has launched a new mentoring program. What is the difference between becoming a tutor and becoming a mentor?

A mentor will be with a student (or a couple of students) for a period of at least 9 months. The goal is to develop a positive relationship with the child, and help

them with their academics as well. You will meet with the same student each week and work on reading. It is required to meet with the student(s) for 4 hours each month (once a week!). You will set goals with your

student(s) about academics or school. You will be required to fill out a small form about what you and your child worked on that day.

A tutor is similar, but has fewer requirements. A tutor will most likely work with different students from week to week. You will work with them on their reading skills. It is recommended that you come as often as you can, but tutoring is a better option if you cannot commit to 4 hours a month for 9 months.

If you have any questions about how you should get involved, please contact Mallory Dahmer at mallory.upperroom@gmail.com. †

## Guatemala Water Project

Phil Smith



AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, one of the biggest causes of health problems in Guatemala stems from the people not having access to clean drinkable water. In Guatemala (as in many other countries) unclean drinking water is the leading cause of illness, nutritional problems (as a result of constant diarrhea) and often times death.

Years ago, many parishioners of STM took it upon themselves to work diligently to help provide clean water to the poorest of the poor in the mountains of central Guatemala. As a result of these efforts, thousands of people now have access to drinking water that is as clean as the water that comes out of our taps here in the United States. Currently five clean water filtration systems are serving four different communities in this region.

Through these five systems, over 76,000 gallons of clean water was distributed over the past three months! Currently, Marcus Huffman, the director of the clean water project, is working in conjunction with the MBA students at Rockhurst University (with the assistance of MBA student and parishioner Johnny Laughlin) to help

### Trips to Guatemala

- Spring Break: SOLD OUT!
- July 7-14
- July 21-28

**Sign up Sunday, November 27, 6pm in More Hall.** Bring your checkbook for a \$100 non-refundable deposit or the \$850 plane fair.

**Questions?** Contact Phil Smith, 816/353-1495 or [psmith@dicksmithford.com](mailto:psmith@dicksmithford.com).

expand this project to the next level.

Our goal is to add two additional systems per year. I would personally like to thank everyone who has assisted in this extremely important, life changing project. †

## Community LINC

Rita Tiehen

On Saturday, September 17, eight STM parishioners went to Community LINC to clean and prepare an apartment for a new family that is entering their program. We started with an apartment that had new carpet and was basically ready, but had no furniture or supplies.

We washed windows and blinds, and moved furniture that had been donated by our parishioners and from the storage areas at LINC. This completely furnished a 3rd floor apartment for a mother with three teenage boys and two small girls.

Besides furnishing the entire apartment, we stocked the kitchen and bath. With donated money,

we were able to buy new bedding for most of the beds plus the supplies that were not available in storage at LINC

Rita Tiehen, Debbie and Addie Ismert and Susan and Samantha Harlow cleaned windows and cleaned and stocked the entire kitchen. Jim Tiehen, Jim White, Chris Rogge and a resident at LINC helped move the furniture.

According to the note sent to us by Community LINC, these eight people provided 33 hours of service, valued at more than \$600! Thank you for helping change a family's life! †



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 40th Anniversary of the STM Saint Joseph's Day celebration!

The celebration will be on Monday, March 19, 2012, with Mass at 8:15AM and serving traditional pasta from 11AM until 7PM in More Hall.

Enjoy visiting and eating delicious homemade Italian food, desserts, a mixture of Italian cookies and specialty food items. Anyone wishing to join in helping make this special day more successful than ever, please call Angie DiFidi, 816-942-5205.

Please check your bulletins starting in January 2012 for additional information. †

### **Feasibility Study results (continued from page 1)**

#### **The survey report found the following:**

- Results were supportive, with approximately 80% in favor of Phase II
- Less money will be raised than in Phase I, approximately \$3 million
- Over \$1 million was offered through the surveys and 100 volunteered
- We could raise more money if more work was done at the school

#### **Questions brought up:**

- Do we need to add seats in the church?
- Does the office need to be replaced immediately?
- What additional needs does the school have?

#### **Next Steps:**

- Get the office fire danger assessed by a professional
- Get a forecast of when additional seating will be needed in the church - The Diocesan Finance Office concludes not for another 7 years.
- Identify school needs for facility improvement

#### **Inspection performed**

A professional inspection was performed on the Parish Office on September 26, 2011. Father Don reported in the October 9 bulletin a rough summary of this inspection. Search [www.stmkc.com](http://www.stmkc.com) keyword "feasibility" for this article made available in the Feasibility Study section.

#### **What's next**

The STM Building Committee is currently meeting to develop a plan for Phase II, taking into consideration the following:

- the instability of the Parish Office building
- the goal of separating the needs from the wants of Saint Thomas More Parishioners
- looking at the needs of the school

#### **Thank you**

Thank you again for your participation and for making Saint Thomas More a wonderful parish! †

# The STM Annual Saint Louis Parish and Seton Center Christmas Basket drive

November 26-27 and December 3-4 weekends

# Christmas Basket drive

Benefiting Seton Center & St. Louis Parish social services

## A Note from our friends at Seton Center

### Parishioners Pack Spirit Into Seton's Christmas Sharing Program

Julie Cogley, Seton Center



Christmas Sharing at Seton Center is truly that – sharing. The process that ends with the distribution of food, clothing, and gifts to over 500 families begins with a huge commitment of time, compassion, generosity, and a hearty “roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work” attitude. And STM members have plenty of all that to go around!

Seton Center's annual Christmas Sharing program, which will take place this year December 14, 15, and 16, involves literally hundreds of volunteers to stage. And, many of those just happen to be STM parishioners. Just ask Christine Pettus, who organizes all the volunteers who come to the

Center daily for weeks to register families for the Christmas Sharing program. Or ask one of the women who spent hours wrapping plain brown egg boxes so they'd look bright and cheery when families come for their Christmas distribution.

And you'd certainly want to chat with Diane Schloegel and her sisters who have been managing the gift part of the program for nearly 25 years. Diane, Kathy Carey, Barb Flynn, Nan Bone, and Jane Quarnstrom have all been involved in helping to sort and bag donated gifts for children. Diane is credited with starting the family tradition which now involves family, friends, and business associates. Each year, the family holds a “sweater party” where guests are encouraged to bring new sweaters or gifts for the children Seton Center serves. Rita Tiehen, sister-in-law to Diane and all, coordinates the monthly STM food drive for STM, the back-to-school drive, and manages the parish's food and toy drive for the

Christmas Sharing Program. Each year, approximately 30 people are involved in the packing of the gifts.

Tiehen tells of countless STM members who have become involved in the process – Jesse and Peggy Auld and family, Diane Frey, and others – too many to mention – but who help ensure the success of this important Christmas project.

Seton Center is grateful for all the Saint Thomas More parishioners who support and sustain the Center's work through active volunteer efforts, prayers, donations of food for the pantry, support of the monthly luncheon for Senior Buddies and staff, and so much more. We appreciate you!

Volunteers are still needed to help prepare and pack the Christmas Sharing boxes and personal hygiene bags for distribution. Please call 816-581-4722 if you'd like to help. †

FALL FESTIVAL





## Changes in the Parts of the People in the Order of Mass in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*

*(approved June 15, 2006 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops;  
confirmed March 26, 2010 by the Holy See [Prot n. 1464/06/L])*

PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT FOR PEOPLE	NEW TEXT FOR PEOPLE
Greeting	<i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you. <i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b>	<i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you. <i>People:</i> <b>And with your spirit.</b>
Penitential Act (Form A)	I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have <b>sinned</b> <b>through my own fault,</b> in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;  <b>and</b> I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.	I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have <b>greatly</b> sinned,  in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, <b>through my fault, through my fault,</b> <b>through my most grievous fault;</b> <b>therefore</b> I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Penitential Act (Form B)	<i>Priest:</i> <b>Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy.</b> <i>People:</i> <b>Lord, have mercy.</b> <i>Priest:</i> <b>Lord, show us your mercy and love.</b> <i>People:</i> And grant us your salvation.	<i>Priest:</i> <b>Have mercy on us, O Lord.</b>  <i>People:</i> <b>For we have sinned against you.</b> <i>Priest:</i> <b>Show us, O Lord, your mercy.</b> <i>People:</i> And grant us your salvation.
<i>Gloria</i>	Glory to God in the highest, and <b>peace to his people on earth.</b> Lord God, heavenly King, <b>almighty God and Father,</b> <b>we worship you, we give you thanks,</b> <b>we praise you for your glory.</b>  Lord Jesus Christ, <b>only Son of the Father,</b> Lord God, Lamb of God,  you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  you are seated at the right hand of the Father: <b>receive our prayer.</b> For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.	Glory to God in the highest, and <b>on earth peace to people of good will.</b> <b>We praise you, we bless you,</b> <b>we adore you, we glorify you,</b> <b>we give you thanks for your great glory,</b> <b>Lord God, heavenly King,</b> <b>O God, almighty Father.</b> Lord Jesus Christ, <b>Only Begotten Son,</b> Lord God, Lamb of God, <b>Son of the Father,</b> you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; <b>you take away the sins of the world,</b> <b>receive our prayer;</b> you are seated at the right hand of the Father, <b>have mercy on us.</b> For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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Dialogue at the Gospel	<i>Deacon (or Priest):</i> A reading from the Holy Gospel according to N. <i>People:</i> Glory to you, Lord.	<i>Deacon (or Priest):</i> A reading from the Holy Gospel according to N. <i>People:</i> Glory to you, <b>O</b> Lord.
Nicene Creed	<p><b>We believe</b> in one God, the Father, <b>the</b> Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all <b>that is seen and unseen.</b></p> <p><b>We believe</b> in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, <b>eternally begotten</b> of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, <b>one in Being with the Father.</b></p> <p>Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by <b>the power of</b> the Holy Spirit <b>he was born</b> of the Virgin Mary, and became man.</p> <p>For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he <b>suffered, died,</b> and was buried.</p> <p><b>On the third day he rose again</b> in <b>fulfillment</b> of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</p> <p>He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.</p> <p><b>We believe</b> in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son <b>he is worshipped</b> and glorified. <b>He</b> has spoken through the Prophets.</p> <p><b>We believe</b> in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.</p> <p><b>We acknowledge</b> one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p><b>We look for</b> the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>	<p><b>I believe</b> in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all <b>things visible and invisible.</b></p> <p><b>I believe</b> in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only <b>Begotten</b> Son of God, <b>born</b> of the Father <b>before all ages.</b> God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, <b>consubstantial with the Father;</b> through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, <b>and</b> by the Holy Spirit <b>was incarnate</b> of the Virgin Mary, and became man.</p> <p>For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he <b>suffered death</b> and was buried, <b>and rose again on the third day</b> in <b>accordance</b> with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.</p> <p>He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.</p> <p><b>I believe</b> in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, <b>who</b> with the Father and the Son <b>is adored</b> and glorified, <b>who</b> has spoken through the prophets.</p> <p><b>I believe</b> in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.</p> <p><b>I confess</b> one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins <b>and I look forward to</b> the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.</p>

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Apostles' Creed	<p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  <b>I believe</b> in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  <b>He</b> was conceived <b>by the power of the Holy Spirit and</b> born of the Virgin Mary.  <b>He</b> suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended <b>to the dead</b>.                      On the third day he rose again.</p> <p>He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.                      He will come <b>again</b> to judge the living and the dead.                      I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and <b>the</b> life everlasting. Amen.</p>	<p>I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  <b>and</b> in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  <b>who</b> was conceived <b>by</b> the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;                      he descended <b>into hell</b>;                      on the third day he rose again <b>from the dead</b>;                      he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of <b>God</b> the Father <b>almighty</b>;  <b>from there</b> he will come to judge the living and the dead.                      I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.</p>
Invitation to Prayer	<p>May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands                      for the praise and glory of his name,                      for our good,                      and the good of all his Church.</p>	<p>May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands                      for the praise and glory of his name,                      for our good                      and the good of all his <b>holy</b> Church.</p>
Preface Dialogue	<p><i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.  <i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b>  <i>Priest:</i> Lift up your hearts.  <i>People:</i> We lift them up to the Lord.  <i>Priest:</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  <i>People:</i> <b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.  <i>People:</i> <b>And with your spirit.</b>  <i>Priest:</i> Lift up your hearts.  <i>People:</i> We lift them up to the Lord.  <i>Priest:</i> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  <i>People:</i> <b>It is right and just.</b></p>
Preface Acclamation	<p><b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.</b>                      Heaven and earth are full of your glory.                      Hosanna in the highest.                      Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.                      Hosanna in the highest.</p>	<p><b>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.</b>                      Heaven and earth are full of your glory.                      Hosanna in the highest.                      Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.                      Hosanna in the highest.</p>

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Mystery of Faith	<p><i>Priest:</i> <b>Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:</b></p> <p><i>People:</i>  <i>A</i> – Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.</p> <p><i>or B</i> – <b>Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.</b></p> <p><i>or C</i> – When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, <b>Lord Jesus,</b> until you come <b>in glory.</b></p> <p><i>or D</i> – <b>Lord,</b> by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. <b>You are the Savior of the World.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> <b>The mystery of faith.</b></p> <p><i>People:</i>  <i>A</i> – <b>We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.</b></p> <p><i>or B</i> – When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, <b>O Lord,</b> until you come <b>again.</b></p> <p><i>or C</i> – <b>Save us, Savior of the world, for</b> by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.</p>
Sign of Peace	<p><i>Priest:</i> The peace of the Lord be with you always.</p> <p><i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> The peace of the Lord be with you always.</p> <p><i>People:</i> <b>And with your spirit.</b></p>
Invitation to Communion	<p><i>Priest:</i> <b>This is</b> the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. <b>Happy</b> are those <b>who are called to his supper.</b></p> <p><i>All:</i> Lord, I am not worthy <b>to receive you,</b> but only say the word and <b>I shall be healed.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> <b>Behold</b> the Lamb of God, <b>behold him</b> who takes away the sins of the world. <b>Blessed</b> are those <b>called to the supper of the Lamb.</b></p> <p><i>All:</i> Lord, I am not worthy <b>that you should enter under my roof,</b> but only say the word and <b>my soul</b> shall be healed.</p>
Concluding Rites	<p><i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>People:</i> <b>And also with you.</b></p>	<p><i>Priest:</i> The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>People:</i> <b>And with your spirit.</b></p>

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# Respect Life Committee

Ann Verhulst, Chair

## What we've been up to

In September, over 100 people signed up for the Spiritual Adoption program by naming an unborn baby



*Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, IL, a runner himself, speaks to the Life Runners in More Hall.*

and pledging to pray for that child for the next nine months. As part of the program, we will hold a parish wide baby shower in

January to support moms and babies through a local pregnancy center.

For October, Respect Life Month, the eighth grade students and teachers joined us in putting up the crosses on the front lawn of the church, designating respect for all of human life.

Members of our committee participated in the annual National Life Chain and attended the Vitae Banquet.

The committee treated the Life Runners to a spaghetti dinner in More Hall with the help of the STM Knights of Columbus, who provided the meal, cooked and helped with clean-up. The 150 Life Runners came from 19 states to run in the Waddell and Reed Marathon. They raised \$35,000, to be given to a pregnancy

center in South Dakota and also here locally.

## Coming soon

For the annual January March for Life in Washington, D.C., we will be partially sponsoring two parishioners who will attend and travel on the diocesan bus.

On Sunday, November 20, we will serve coffee and doughnuts and have our pro life tee shirts for sale.

Austin Welsh, M.D. will give a presentation on Hospice in More Hall, on Thursday, January 19, at 7PM. Dr. Welsh is a geriatrician at Tallgrass Creek Senior Living Community in Overland Park, KS. He is the founding president of the Kansas City chapter of the Catholic Medical Association. †



*8th grade students putting up the crosses on the Church lawn.*

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We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7PM, in the Huhmann Room. Please consider joining us; all are welcome. Contact Ann Verhulst, 816/763-5247 or [aaverhulst@yahoo.com](mailto:aaverhulst@yahoo.com).

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FALL FESTIVAL



# Reclaiming Advent and Christmas

With Sister Audrey Doetzel, NDS

As we anticipate the weeks of Advent and Christmas we realize again how thoroughly this beautiful season has been co-opted by commercial enterprises and secular themes.

How can the Saint Thomas More community of faith help

reclaim the true message of this liturgical time?

Join with other members of the parish to hear about and discuss with Sister Audrey Doetzel, NDS the following themes which lie at the heart of the true meaning of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

**Register by Monday, November 21**

Register at the Parish Office, by calling 816-942-2492, or by email to [mary@stmkc.com](mailto:mary@stmkc.com).

**Child care provided at all Sunday sessions.** Must register by November 21 for child care. †



*Dr. Audrey Doetzel, NDS, a Sister of Our Lady of Sion, recently retired from the Theology Department at Boston College.*

*Now, as an independent scholar in Jewish-Christian and Interfaith Relations and as a Holocaust scholar, her focus is on research and writing. She resides in Kansas City, MO and is a member of Saint Thomas More Parish.*

*Following her B.A. and B.Ed. studies, she received Master of Divinity and Doctoral degrees at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, where she then taught in the Pastoral Department at the Jesuit Regis College. She is a qualified retreat and spiritual director, with considerable experience directing the 30-day Ignatian Exercises.*

## We are Called to Live in Holy Time

Advent announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. As a community we are called anew to journey together through the great mysteries of our faith.

- Sunday, November 27, 10:45AM to 12:15PM, in Flanagan Hall
- Or Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 to 8:30PM in More Hall

## We are Descendants of the Prophets

In a world near to yet far from the Kingdom of God, we are called to help transform society in preparation for the messianic age: a time when swords are beaten into plowshares, when the wolf lies down with the lamb, and when all nations stream together to the Mountain of the Lord.

- Sunday, December 4, 10:45AM to 12:15PM in Flanagan Hall
- Or Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 to 8:30PM in More Hall

## We are an Incarnation Faith

As we sing together of the coming of Emmanuel (God with us), we recall the profound meaning of "the Word was made flesh." This "Word made flesh" dwells among us, within us, and through us today.

- Sunday, December 11, 10:45AM to 12:15PM in Flanagan Hall
- Or Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 to 8:30PM in More Hall

## We are Epiphany People

As the world today asks: "Who is this child?" "Who is this man?" we are called to boldly manifest through our lives that: "This is God's beloved Son. Hear Him!"

- Sunday, January 8, 10:45AM to 12:15PM in Flanagan Hall
- Or Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 to 8:30PM in More Hall

# Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Coming in February and March

Chris Powell, parishioner

Several parishes in the Kansas City metropolitan area have begun offering CHRP retreats and have reported that it is making a tremendous difference in their parishes. Christ Renews His Parish is a parish renewal process that has existed since 1969 and has been recommended by the renewal office of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It has been used as the primary instrument of personal and parish renewal in over 826 parishes in 31 states in the United States and Italy.

## The specifics

All meals are provided. There is no cost. It is overnight,

so you will have to bring bedding (pillow, blanket/sleeping bag, air mattress). There are two retreats being offered:

- **Men's retreat** (From Saturday, February 25, at 8:00AM to Sunday, February 26, 4:00pm)
- **Women's retreat** (From Saturday, March 24, at 8:00AM to Sunday, March 25, 4:00pm)

**More information:** Contact Chris Powell for more information at [chris.powell@pearlinsurance.com](mailto:chris.powell@pearlinsurance.com) or 816-694-8946.

**To register:** register online at [www.stmkc.com](http://www.stmkc.com), keyword: "Christ Renews." †

## Knights of Columbus Council 14270

John Kelly, Chair



### Fundraising for Charity

The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity, and recent fundraising activities contributed greatly to the council charity fund. The third annual

Columbus Knight Dinner netted nearly \$2,500, the Wine Toss at the Parish Fall Festival brought in \$600, and the Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament gained \$650.

### Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Knights participated in the Drive for Persons with Developmental Disabilities, commonly known as the Tootsie Roll drive. In addition to collections after Mass and the Red Bridge & Holmes boot block, Knights also collected at the State Line Walmart. Proceeds from the drive are split between Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center and local organizations selected by STM Council. This year the local recipients are: SPRED, F.I.R.E. and Special Olympics.

### Seminarian Support

STM Council supports seminarian Sam Geringer 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, MO. His home parish is Saint George in Odessa MO, and his email is sgeringer@conception.edu.

### Mass Shuttle

Look for the golf carts piloted by your friendly Knights, and enjoy a ride from your car to the church door, and back again after Mass. With winter weather coming, it's the only way to go. †

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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](http://www.stmkc.com). Current and past issues of the council newsletter, Knights News, are available, along with photo galleries from past events.

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## 1ST ANNUAL STM FOR ALL DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18, 7PM STM GYM

\$60/team for a 6 person team (coed, teens, male, female teams, or any combination)

Proceeds benefit STM For All.

For more info and to register your team contact Glenn Lickteig- [gmlickteig@gmail.com](mailto:gmlickteig@gmail.com)



## Mothers of Young Children (MOYC)

Courtney Fahey and Carol McGilley, Co-Coordinators

We are off to a great start this year! We had perfect weather for our picnic and park play date and our recent trip to Deanna Rose Farm's Pumpkin Hollow. Both events gave the children time to run and explore while the moms got a chance to catch up with new and old friends.

We have both adult nights out and activities during the days with the children. New this year is a monthly newsletter keeping all the moms up-to-date on the activities, special dates, and news. If you are a part of MOYC and are not receiving the emails, please let us know. We already have four new members this year and are always excited to meet more moms.

**If you want to be involved** with this incredible group of moms and kids, please call or email Carol McGilley, 816-942-5117 or mcgilley24@yahoo.com or Courtney Fahey, 816-331-5305 or crfahey@me.com.

### Save the Dates for our evening events:

#### White Elephant/Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 7

With the busy holiday months upon us please mark your calendars for our annual White Elephant/Christmas Party on Wednesday December 7th @ 7:30 in More Hall.

#### Dips and Sips, Friday, January 6

After the holidays, join us with your spouse for a night of fun and enjoyment while we toast in the new year.

## Give Until It Hurts?

Karolyn Dreiling, Director of Stewardship and Development

The mantra should not be "give until it hurts," but rather "give because it feels good." A study by the Charity Aid Foundation has shown that people who give are happier than their non-giving peers. Giving is donating time and talent, as well as financial participation – stewardship as a whole.

Saint Thomas More is embarking on our Annual Stewardship campaign. Maybe you would like to make a pledge to our annual stewardship drive, but would like to explore other avenues of giving due to uncertain times? Perhaps you can still give by utilizing your resources in a creative way:

- Company matching gifts. Matching gifts are a great way to stretch your donation...free money!
- IRA Rollover - for our parishioners 70½ years and older, until December 31, 2011



From our recent trip to Deanna Rose Farm's Pumpkin Hollow.

### Bunco Night, Tuesday, January 24

A girls night out with a mission! The 3rd annual popular dice tournament is moving to January this year! Women of all ages are invited to come have fun with friends, roll some dice and raise money to benefit a charity on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00PM in More Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information on ticket sales and event details.

- Gifts of stock or mutual funds
- Gifts of real estate or personal property
- Honor someone with a memorial or honorarium gift
- Donate an old car, boat or RV
- You may also remember us in the future by including us in your will.
- Use the Christmas envelope in your packet to make a special end of year donation. This blessing may bounce back to help you with your taxes.

For more information about non cash gift options, please contact Karolyn Dreiling (Karolyn@stmkc.com) or Randy Grindinger (randy@stmkc.com) in the parish office at 816-942-2492. These are terrific ways to support our parish! †

## Dates to remember:

### December

3-4	Sat.-Sun.	Christmas Baskets for Seton Center & Saint Louis Parish RCIA Rite of Welcoming
3	Sunday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 10:45AM
6	Tuesday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 7PM
7	Wednesday	MOYC Christmas Party, 7:30PM, More Hall Spirit Wear Sale, 2:30-3:30PM & 6-7PM
8	Thursday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
11	Sunday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 10:45AM Sign Interpreted Mass, 11:30AM Adopt a child/adult with CFCA
13	Tuesday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 10:45AM
18	Sunday	Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses
19	Sunday	Mass and Dinner with the Seminarians
21	Wednesday	STM School noon dismissal
23	Friday	Parish Office closed
24	Saturday	Christmas Eve
25	Sunday	Christmas Day
26	Monday	Parish Office closed No 6:15AM Mass
30	Friday	Parish Office closed

### January

3	Tuesday	STM School Resumes Parish Office opens School of Religion resumes, 6:30PM
4	Wednesday	Bible Studies begin, 9:30AM or 7PM
6	Friday	Mothers of Young Children "Dips 'n Sips"
8	Sunday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 10:45AM
10	Tuesday	Adult Formation Advent/Christmas class, 10:45AM
11	Wednesday	Spirit Wear Sale, 2:30-3:30PM & 6-7PM
15	Sunday	Adult Formation - Vatican II Series begins, 10:45AM
16	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No STM School
17	Tuesday	Adult Formation - Vatican II Series begins, 7PM
19	Thursday	Respect Life Presenter Dr. Austin Welsh, 7PM
24	Monday	MOYC Bunco Night, 7PM
29	Sunday	Catholic Schools Week begins

### February

4	Saturday	Souper Bowl, 6PM
5	Sunday	Adult Formation - Vatican II Series, 10:45AM Boy Scout Sunday
7	Tuesday	Adult Formation - Vatican II Series, 7PM
12-16	Sun.-Thurs.	Parish Mission with Father Jim Sichko
17	Friday	No STM School
19	Sunday	Guatemala Sunday RCIA Rite of Sending
20	Monday	No STM School
22	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
25-26	Sat.-Sun.	Men's Retreat, Christ Renews His Parish
25	Saturday	RCIA Rite of Election, 7PM, Cathedral



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## Advent and Christmas

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Thursday, December 8**

Masses at 6:30PM on Wednesday, December 7  
and 6:15AM, 8:15AM, 6:30PM on Thursday, December 8

### **Advent Reconciliation Services**

Wednesday, December 7, 7PM, Christ the King  
Tuesday, December 13, 7PM, Saint Elizabeth's  
Sunday, December 18, 6PM, Saint Peter's  
Monday, December 19, 7PM, Visitation

**Tuesday, December 20, 7PM, STM Church**

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

*All Masses will be in the church.*

Christmas Eve, December 24, 3:00PM, 5:00PM, Midnight  
Christmas Day, December 25, 7:30AM, 9:30AM,

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