



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH



Bulletin online
this and last week's at www.stmkc.com

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

Reconciliation

Individual Confessions: Saturdays 3-3:40 p.m.
Seasonal Communal Penance

At the Parish Office

Father Don Farnan	Pastor
Father Michael O'Connor	Priest in Residence
Father Francis Schuele	Priest in Residence
Deacon Kevin Cummings	

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At the School Office

Kathy O'Sullivan	Interim Principal
Patrick Galvin	Buildings & Grounds
Peggy Lorenz	School Secretary

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School Office 816-942-5581
School FAX 816-941-2450
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Diocesan Victim's Advocate:
Leslie Guillot (816) 361-2666
Ombudsman:
Jenifer Valenti (816) 812-2500

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. 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.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND!

Tickets: \$8/person, \$30/family



hosted by
Beginning Experience

Saturday February 11 7-11pm

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The Pastor's Pen

One of the perks of being pastor of STM is that I am entrusted with support from a group known simply as "The Pastor's Club." This group of men and women started when one of them witnessed me giving money to someone in need or buying dinner for a couple who had done a particular good deed, above and beyond the call to which persons normally respond. This wonderful group asked me what I would do if I had a fund to assist people or encourage them as I saw fit. I told them that I would prioritize helping families with children in Catholic schools, some with kids in elementary, secondary, and college levels at the same time, and who struggle financially because of sacrifices they make for their children's education. I told them that I would specifically like to offer assistance to families who live out their faith in meaningful ways by being present to our community in Sunday worship, who put faith into action by service to others, and who tithe of their talent, time, and treasure as the Bible beckons us.

Among others whom they have permitted me to assist include widows/widowers, Altar Servers, students who do good deeds, retired priests, seminarians, random unfortunate souls, and special causes or missions. Some of the gifts given are very small; others are quite significant. Members of the Pastor's Club remain anonymous as they merely want to do the will of God in our faith community without attention or fanfare from a place in the background. And I simply want to take this opportunity to offer a word of thanks to them.

I would also like to express my gratitude to parishioners who expend time, energy, and effort for the health and well-being of our church, most recently those who hosted Sister Esther Fangman last week and this week as she guides us in embracing hope and healing after a very difficult year for the local church, those who participate in our annual "Souper Bowl" banquet this weekend and who put faith into action all year long, those who are working for our upcoming parish mission led by Father Jim Sichko which will begin next weekend, and those who are preparing for the coming of Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) to aid the spiritual reawakening of our beloved community of faith. I believe that the events of this winter and Lent will become a springboard to greater personal and communal union with God as well as renewal of religious fervor for us all. I trust that you, too, will be motivated by these activities.

And I pray that these activities will inspire our diocese in positive ways, lead us through Lent to the high holy days of new life, and help us to become more focussed on our mission and purpose on earth. Let us continue to pray for one another, especially those in most need. Let us reach out as we are able and support those who reach out on our behalf.

STM School News

2011 Auction Results

Despite a tough economy and a year of changes at our school, we are very pleased with the overwhelming show of support to our school, raising \$178,000! As we close Catholic Schools Week, we thank all of our parishioners, parents, and students who collectively make STM one of the most successful Catholic schools in KC. We look forward to next year's auction and thank you for your constant and steadfast support of our school and Catholic education.

~ Patrick Haake, 2011 Auction Chair

BMA Dancing with the Stars

Saturday, June 9, Rockhurst High School

Be prepared for a fun filled night with dinner and dancing with the BMA (Brian Anselmo Memorial) Foundation. Two STM parishioners will be dancing in this event: Teresa Doty, raising funds for STM-for-All (STM's inclusive education program), and Molly Mancuso, raising funds for the BMA Foundation.

You can begin voting now in support of your favorite dancer, by visiting www.bmafoundation.org; tickets go on sale in March. The BMA Foundation supports Charlie's House, Operation Breakthrough, Rockhurst High School, STM-for-All, and Saint Regis School. For more information, contact Jerry Anselmo at bmafoundation@gmail.com or 942-0269.

Knowing that Brian believed in the Jesuit tradition of being "A Man for Others," it is our aim to positively touch the lives of others through charitable giving, providing educational opportunities and promoting animal welfare in his name.

~ BMA Foundation

World Day for Consecrated Life

Today we recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth are pleased to be part of this local community in prayer and service for the mission of the Church. Please pray with them as they celebrate all vocations. Let your life proclaim good news! For more information visit www.scls.org.

Nursery Toys Wanted

If you have gently-used toys, dolls, etc. to pass along, they could probably be used in STM church nursery. Talk to Debi in the nursery or call her at 816/322-0066.

Adult Faith Options at STM

Embracing Hope and Healing in Our Church

Tuesday, February 7, 7-8pm

In the first session (January 31), Sister Esther Fangman, Ed.D. focused on ways to name and identify emotions arising from sexual abuse of children as well as any kind of trauma. The second session will center on how to move toward healing and forgiveness.

Registrations are helpful (942-2492 or mary@stmkc.com); walk-ins are welcome.

Christ Renews His Parish (CHRP) Retreat

Men: February 25-26;

Women: March 24-25

This free retreat is open to anyone 19 years or older. If you would like your name to be placed on the waiting list for this retreat or the fall, vis-

it www.stmkc.com or sign up in the parish office. For more information, call Chris Powell at 816/694-8946.

Lenten Prayer Series

Wednesdays, 7pm, Church

Andrew Comiskey and Michael McGlinn will lead Merciful Discipline: Wounds That Heal, **beginning February 29.**

Drawing upon Isaiah 61 and 62, as well as the Divine Mercy prayers of Saint Faustina, explore six facets of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic clergy, how to understand and pray meaningfully of the restoration of all parties involved, including the concerned laity who seek to be a part of the solution.

For more information, contact Andrew at a.comiskey@gmail.com or 816/267-0089 or visit www.stmkc.com and view the flyer located on February 29 of the web calendar.

A Prayer for Healing in the Church

Holy Spirit, comforter, advocate, and guide, inspire a new spring-time of holiness and apostolic zeal for the Church.

May our sorrow and our tears, our sincere effort to redress past wrongs, and our firm purpose of amendment bear an abundant harvest of grace for the deepening of the faith in our families, parishes, schools, and communities, for the spiritual progress of society, and the growth of charity, justice, joy, and peace within the whole family.

To you, Holy Trinity, confident in the loving protection of Mary and all the saints, do we entrust ourselves, our children, and the needs of the Church in the world.

Amen.

(Adapted from Pope Benedict XVI's Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Ireland, March 19, 2010)

- Our Sunday Visitor

Please hold in prayer

Please contact the Parish Office, 942-2492 or bulletin@stmkc.com, to add or subtract names from the prayer list.

...our family and friends in the military:

Mike Bever	Kevin Furey	Michael Ismert	Andrew Turner	Christopher Yates
Michael Dean	Tyler Bacon	Steven Janner	Bryan Van Buskirk	
Michael Dulle	John Hylander	Patrick Rogers	Jim VanGilder	

...our parishioners who are sick:

Jennifer Anton	Jake Frey	Bill Kryger	Clarice Mosnick	Sophia Zanko
Kathleen Attaway	Marcia Gingrich	David LaGue	Frank Mullen	Lucia Zanone
Anne Barth	Demitra Hamilton	Mickey Lickteig	Fr. Michael O'Connor	Joseph Zeffiro
Cecilia Becker-Schutte	Harold Heiman	Mary McDonald	LaVone O'Donnell	
Marie Bellante	Isabelle Hopfinger	Jim McGilley	Fred Park	
Mike Chiarelli	Helena Houston	Megan McGovern	John Platt	
Mary Cimino	Rosalie Hyde	Jennie Mendolia	Bill Rost	
Dick Duncan	Martha Jennings	Bea Mincher	Beverly Watkins	
Joe Fowler	Carol Koke	John Mincher	Joe Wynn	

...our family and friends who are sick:

Mildred Baldwin	Alice Drummond	Karen Hoffman	Sue Maschler	Marie Standfield
Nate Brancato	Jerry Fennessy	Michelle Huckle	Mary McGeehen	Timothy Stanley
Dennis Burke	John Gramlich	Kevin Isom	Shellie Begnaud Pruett	John White
Cameron Burroughs	Scott Gretencord	Mary Kellerman	Carrie Ryan	David Zents
Dick Devine	Amy Gurera	Robert Koenig	Paul Schwarz	

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

Villa St. Joseph: Mary Dehoney; **Kingswood:** Sally Madson; **Village Shalom:** Virginia McPhee

...our family and friends who have died:

Marian Krull; Nadine Pearce; Aylene Roling, mother of Steve Roling; Matt Partin, brother of Don Partin; George Kopp

Justice Info

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

Seton Center Food Drive - February 5

Donations can be left in the Narthex all weekend. Needed items include cereal, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, dry milk, canned tuna and meats, macaroni & cheese, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, rice, jello, condiments, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items and paper goods. Monetary donations are also helpful! Thank you for your support.

Soul Food for the Soul!

This is a new Lenten ministry from Saint Louis Church (your special central-city Catholic parish partner), committed to inspiring and loving the poor! Due to the popularity of their Lenten (Cat)Fish Frys, they are expanding their unique Lenten dinner to feed the 300 customers of Saint James Place on Friday, March 23!

Not only will our friends get a special catfish dinner, but they will also reap the joy of the fabulous singing of the soulful Saint Louis Choir! The vision is to inspire and feed the poor at EVERY soup kitchen in the city during Lent! But we need financial sponsors to make this vision a reality. Please call Jim Dougherty at 816/914-9449 to help Soul Food for the Soul.

Learn how to save lives in 2012!

Saturday, February 11

Join LifeFront for a sidewalk counseling training presented by Elizabeth McClung, who was instrumental in the conversion of former Texas Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson. Meet at Planned Parenthood (4401 W 109th St., Overland Park, KS, 66211) at 8am to pray and watch Elizabeth sidewalk counsel. Training is from 9:30am-3:30pm at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School (11411 Pflumm Rd, Overland Park, KS). Get more information and register at www.lifefrontkc.org (click "events" tab), or call 816/223-0035.

LifeFront is a local pro-life mission of prayer and sidewalk counseling in front of the Overland Park Planned Parenthood abortion center. Sidewalk counselors offer loving alternatives and the truth to mothers arriving to have abortions. Come pray with us! For more information, go to www.lifefrontkc.org.

College Goal Sunday - Free FAFSA Help!

Sunday, February 12, various locations

Get help completing the Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA). Tax information can be estimated. Visit www.collegegoal.org for the KS locations or www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/afsa_completion.php#dates for MO locations.

Care & Support

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

More Friends

Friday, February 17 - Join us for our February Frolic. The cost is only \$11 for a catered dinner and top notch entertainment. Call Joe or Iva Hamilton at 816/942-3207 or send a check to 10918 Tracy, KCMO 64131. Make checks payable to More Friends. Reservations need to be in by Tuesday, February 14.

More Friends Dues - New and current members are encouraged to pay dues by Thursday, March 1, so your name can be in the new roster. Send \$5 to Millie Capers, 12238 Holmes Lane, KCMO 64146. For more information, call 816/941-9666. We hope to see many new members!

Care Giver Support Group

Next Group: Tuesday, February 7, 11:30am-1pm

This meeting is held the first Tuesday of each month in the Medical Library Reading Room of St. Joseph Medical Center. The contact person is Sister Gabrielle Smits, 942-4400.

Valentine's Dance Hosted by Beginning Experience

Saturday, February 11, 7-11pm, More Hall

Come to an evening of music, dancing and fun! The cost is \$15 at the door or you can reserve a table of 8 for \$120. Make your checks payable to Beginning Experience and mail to John Stuart, PO Box 15255, Lenexa, KS 66285. Questions? Call John at 913/219-3465.

Feeling alone in your marriage?

Begins the weekend of February 17-19, Kansas City

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the February program, call 1-800-470-2230 or register at www.retrouvaille.org.

Alzheimer's Disease: The Family Series

Thursdays (February 23-March 29), 2:30-4pm

This six-part workshop will be facilitated by the Alzheimer's Association and held at Saint Bernadette Parish cafeteria, 9020 E. 51st Ter., KCMO. There is no charge to attend.

To register, contact Cathy Weidmaier at 816/356-3707 x32 or cathy@stbernadettekcmo.org. More information is on the flyer posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

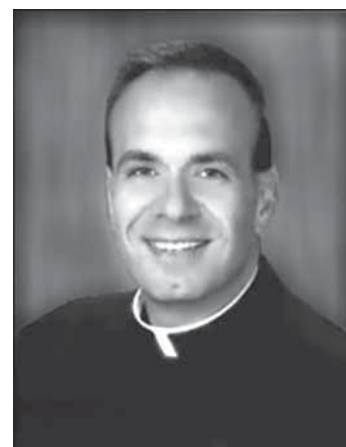
parish mission

february 11-16

Father James W. Sichko will speak at all weekend Masses on February 11 and 12, then will return Monday through Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Father Jim, the youngest of five children, is a pastor of Saint Mark in Richmond, Kentucky, in the Diocese of Lexington. Known for his **story-telling**, Father Jim weaves every day life experiences with the rooted messages within the Gospels.

This is an event **for the whole family**; no child care will be provided.



Reverend James W. Sichko

Reverend James W. Sichko is a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, KY. Father Jim is the youngest of five children. He is forty-four years old and was ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 23, 1998. Father Jim studied theology at Sacred Heart School of Theology and before that, completed his undergraduate work at New England Conservatory of Music in Vocal Performance.

Father Jim travels throughout the United States giving missions, retreats and days of recollection. This year, Father Jim's travels include Louisiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas, and Kentucky.

He has given or will be giving retreats for Priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Lafayette and the Priests of the Augustinian Recollects.

Known for his story-telling, Father Jim weaves every day life experiences with the rooted messages which lie within the Gospel. Father Jim currently serves as Pastor of St. Mark Parish in Richmond, KY which includes an Elementary/Middle School, Hispanic Ministry and a Newman Center on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. Father Jim is also the assistant to the Bishop for Special Projects, Episcopal Vicar for the Bluegrass East Deanery serving the Bishop on the Presbyteral Council and formerly was the Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement.

- From www.saintmarkcatholicchurch.net

For a video of Father Jim, see www.stmkc.com/content/growing_in_faith/parish_mission/



Catholic Schools Report Card

Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph

First Semester Report Card

Years of Service to the Community.....174*
 *Mission schools were established prior to the establishment of the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph.

Who We are

Total Number of Educational Institutions.....42
 Early Childhood Centers.....7
 Elementary.....27
 Secondary.....8

Dedicated Faculty.....1,083
 Faculty with Advanced Degrees.....44%
 15 Years Experience in the Diocese.....20%
 25 Years Experience in the Diocese.....13%

Whom We Serve

Total Enrollment.....11,832
 Early Childhood Students.....523
 Elementary Students.....7,821
 Secondary Students.....488

Diversity

Religious
 Students of Other Faith Communities.....14%
 Catholics.....86%

Racial and Ethnic

European~American.....78%
 African~American.....5%
 Latino.....9%
 Asian~Pacific Island.....3%
 Other.....5%

What we Contribute

Service to the Community.....155,322 hours

Community Service Hours

Elementary Schools.....66,364 hours
 Secondary Schools.....88,958 hours

Resources

Total Cost of Catholic Education.....\$78,983,796
 Estimated Savings to Public School Districts.....\$130,923,539

What We Do Best - Academics

Elementary

Duke University Talent Identification Scholars.....31%

Secondary - Class of 2012

National Merit Scholar Program Semi-Finalists.....22
 Commended.....25
 Finalists Announced February 2012

Secondary

College-Bound Catholic High School Graduates.....98%
 Missouri Average.....66.9%
 National Average.....68.1%

Bright Flight Scholars.....55

Catholic High School Seniors Awarded

Diplomas.....99.9%
 Missouri High School Seniors Awarded Diplomas.....79.8%

Academic Scholarships Offered.....\$22,996,580
On average, our graduates accepted \$6,630 in academic scholarships for their first year of college.

STM School Registration Month!

Registration Dates for the 2012-13 School Year

Pre-School	February 6-10
Returning Students	February 13-17
Kindergarten/New Students	February 21-29

At the time of registration, please bring:

- 1/2 of Registration Fee (balance to be paid by Friday, April 27, 2012)
- A copy of your Qualifying Stewardship Certificate (QSC) or 2012 tuition contract.
- For new students, a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

Registration Fee

One Student	\$540	(one-half = \$270.00 due at registration)
Two Students	\$945	(one-half = \$472.50 due at registration)
Three or More Students	\$1,325	(one-half = \$662.50 due at registration)

Activity Fee - \$350/family

In exchange for the Activity Fee, school families will receive four Auction Car raffle tickets, five NFL raffle tickets and membership to Home & School and Booster Club and support for Cultural Enrichment. The raffle tickets may be re-sold to recoup the majority of this fee.

Pre-School Costs

Registration Fee	\$100/child
Monthly Charges:	2 days/week \$340
	3 days/week \$440
	5 days/week \$650

Tuition for Non-Parishioner Families (K-8)

One Student	\$5,590*
Two Students	\$10,540*
Three or More Students	\$15,460*

* These figures are based on ten payments. Discounts are given for families who pay in one or two payments.



Knights of Columbus News

STM Council #14270

Congratulations

The following students were STM Council level winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 15. Winners advance to the district level.

- 14-year-olds – Trevor White; Caroline Grimaldi
- 13-year-olds – Weston Verhulst; Mary Kate Grimaldi
- 12-year-olds – Matthew Grimaldi; Tess Rellihan
- 11-year-olds – Matthew Moriarty; Emily Livingston
- 10-year-olds – Jack McInerney; Samantha Giangreco

Fund Distribution

At the December meeting, Council 14270 voted to distribute funds raised during the year to worthy causes. Gift cards totaling \$2,500 were presented to Pastoral Associate David Butel to distribute among parish families in need; \$1,000 went to Saint Louis Parish needs; \$750 to STM Junior Board and \$500 to the new Meet Life program.

Next Meeting

The next business meeting is Thursday, February 9, at 7:15pm in More Hall D.

What they're up to today...

The following teens are recent graduates of Saint Thomas More School.

Danni Porter graduated from STM in 2009. Today, she is a junior at Saint Teresa's Academy (STA) and an active member of the STM youth group. She participates in STA cross country in the fall, CYO basketball in the winter and Brookside soccer in the spring. Each summer, Danni spends ten days at Camp Tekakwitha, an outdoor Catholic adventure camp that connects kids and families to Christ.

Jackson Ismert graduated from STM last year and now attends Rockhurst High School. He was confirmed last November at STM and recently became an ambassador for the STM youth group. Jackson is a member of the Rockhurst wrestling team and plans to manage the Rockhurst lacrosse team this semester. He looks forward to getting his driver's license soon.

If you would like to recommend someone to be featured in a future edition of this column, contact Kelly Barry, kelly@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x214.

Nearby and Coming Soon

Babysitting Certification Class for ages 11-13

February 25 or March 3 (Saturdays), 8:30am-4pm

This training will be held at STM and led by Saint Luke's Health Systems. Limited space is available, so please sign up for one of these dates quickly by contacting Amy Ismert at aismert@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x209. The cost is \$55/person.

Focus & Fitness 55+ Request for Participants

The Avila University Mindfulness Team has openings for those age 55 and over who can stand unassisted for 30 minutes and can commit to 12 consecutive weeks of one hour classes. (With such a large response last week, another group will be formed.)

Each class offers teaching and practice in a series of brain exercises, body exercises and spirit exercises with the purpose of helping individuals discover more about the life that matters to them. There is no cost to you.

To sign up, call Ralph Hunt, 816/210-3746 or 816/941-2302.

Annual White Mass for the Medical Profession

Saturday, February 11, 10am, at the Cathedral

Bishop Robert Finn will be celebrant and will be joined by Archbishop Joseph Naumann. Come to pray for and show support of those in the medical profession. This annual joint event is sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association and the Knights of Malta.

World Marriage Day Mass

Sunday, February 12, 3pm, Saint Therese Parish

All married couples are invited! Saint Therese is located at 7207 NW HWY 9, KCMO. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert Finn and Archbishop Joseph Naumann, followed by a reception with a short presentation by Brad & Libby DuPont, Office of Marriage & Family Life, KCK. To register, call the Family Life Office at 816/756-1850 or Tony and Barb Zimmerman, 816/741-4066.

Bulletin Board

For Sale: 2001 Honda Odyssey EX. Good condition. 168,000 miles. V6, DVD movie system. Roof rack. Recent maintenance: all new tires, catalytic converter replaced. \$5400. Call Maureen at 816/517-3913.

For Sale: 4-5 bedroom/3 baths, quiet corner, Auburn Hills, Grandview. Call 767-1436 to view.

Need trash bags?

STM Cub Scout Pack 601 trash bags are for sale year 'round at \$10 per roll. Call, text or email David Thurlo, 816/820-4323 or fyrman911@msn.com.

“As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

Nadine Pearce was a long time member of STM, and an amazing one at that. Nadine was one of the co-founders of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) in 1981, which has sponsored hundreds of thousands of children and adults around the world and helped them in many ways. She was currently sponsoring three individuals with her love and support.

She was also a member of our Guatemala Action Group for several years, helping guide our relationship with the people of San Andres, Itzapa. Nadine not only helped to create a new and better world for those internationally, but also for all of us right here at STM. She truly was a STAR and will be missed. (Nadine passed away January 31, 2012.)

If you would like help connecting your time and talent, please contact Amy Ismert at aismert@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x209.

Stewardship Corner

In today's Gospel, we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. All are amazed.

By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day.

As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

*~ International Catholic
Stewardship Council*

Adult Faith Opportunities

Praydreaming: Ignatian Center Prayer Workshop

Saturday, February 11, 9-11:30am

Join Father Mark Thibodeaux, S.J., for a discussion of the discernment of spirits, the "motions of the soul" at Rockhurst University. The program fee of \$20/person covers all materials; scholarships are available. Please email info@ignatiancenterkc.org or call 816/523-5115 X212. Include the names and contact info of those wishing to attend. Questions? Call Dick or Daffy Shaw, 942-5752.

Journey with Jesus this Lent Ignatian Guided Prayer Program February 18-March 24

Each participant prays daily for 20-30 minutes over selected Scripture texts, then meets weekly with a prayer guide at a mutually agreeable time and place to review prayer, to receive direction for the following week's exercises and to learn about different approaches to prayer. This program is appropriate for those with little or no experience in Ignatian prayer.

Applications are due **Thursday, February 9**. The cost is \$30; scholarships are available. To register, email name, address, phone, email address, name of home parish, days/times available to info@ignatiancenterkc.org. Also include why you feel called to register. Questions? Call Dick or Daffy Shaw, 942-5752.

Lenten Retreat

February 17 or 18, 9am-12:30pm, St. Francis Xavier

Join Denise Simeone and Cele Breen, SCL in breaking open the readings for this Lent. Pre-registration is helpful, but not required. Suggested donation is \$15. Saint Francis is located at 1001 E 52nd St., KCMO. For reservations or questions, contact Denise at 816/686-3612 or denisesimeone@hotmail.com.

February Retreat at Sophia Center, Atchison, KS

A Journal For The Journey

Wednesday, February 15, 9am-3pm

Learn journaling methods based on Scripture, the Rule of Benedict and life experiences. Sister Thomasita Homan, OSB, director of oblates for the Mount community and emerita professor in the English department of Benedictine College, will conduct this retreat. The fee is \$50.

For more information or to register for this Sophia Center retreat, call 913/360-6151 or visit Sophia Center at www.mountosb.org/sophia.html.

Abbey Guest Center Retreat at Conception Abbey

Praying the Our Father - Wed., Feb. 15, 9am-3pm

Do we stop to appreciate what this prayer can teach us about Christian prayer? Join Father Patrick Caveglia and Oblate Louise Cummins to explore the richness of this familiar prayer. Suggested donation for the day including lunch: \$20/person.

If you'd like to make a reservation, please contact us at 660/944-2809 or guests@conception.edu. Our retreats include personal quiet time and meals and liturgies with the monks.

STM Activities and Events

Sunday, February 5 - Boy Scout Sunday

Seton Center Food Drive

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11:30am

Monday, February 6

Justice Ministry Team mtg., 6:30pm, Parish Office

Tuesday, February 7

Embracing Hope & Healing, 7pm, More Hall

Wednesday, February 8

Spirit Wear Sale, 2:30-3:30 & 6-7pm, More Hall

Respect Life mtg., 7pm, Huhmann Room

Thursday, February 9

School Board mtg., 7pm, Teachers' Lounge

Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm, More Hall D

Saturday, February 11

Engaged Couples Day, 8:30am-4:30pm, More Hall

Singles Dance, 7-11pm, More Hall

Sunday, February 12 - Parish Mission begins!

Sign Interpreted Mass, 11:30am, Church

Attention Eucharistic Ministers!

Please be sure you have a copy of the Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, found on the sign-in table in the Narthex. There seems to be some confusion when our Deacon assists at Mass, so check the document. Questions? Talk to Sharon Arnett after Mass or contact her at 942-2492 x208 or sharon@stmkc.com.

Mass Intentions

Mon: **6:15AM Estelle Scaletty[†]**

8:15AM Earl Muenks[†]; Mary Haug[†]

Tues: **6:15AM George Crittenden[†]; Bud Hentzen[†]**

8:15AM Linda & Carl Fiorella[†];

George Muehlebach[†]

Wed: **6:15AM Nancy & Jim Downey[†]**

8:15AM Tony Manzella[†]; Ed Roos[†]

Thur: **6:15AM Marty Jackson[†]; Denise Stabler[†]**

8:15AM Kevin Gray[†]; Larry Mosnick[†]

Fri: **6:15AM Joanne Thimmesch[†]**

8:15AM Tina Robinson[†]

Sat: **8:15AM Joe Moore[†]**

4:00PM Flora Baccala[†]

Sun: **7:30AM Ester Gomez[†]**

9:30AM Pat Fitzgerald[†]

11:30AM Walter & Aileen Bell[†]

5:00PM All Parishioners[†]

[†] Deceased

Scripture Readings for next weekend: 6th Ordinary
Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:31-11;1; Mark 1:40-45.

Please consider the missions for your Mass intentions. In many cases, Mass stipends are their only source of sustenance. (Available at the Parish Office.)