



# SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

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## May 7, 2023

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, AND LOVING COMMUNITY BY PROCLAIMING AND LIVING GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORSHIP, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.



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### MASSES

WEEKDAY: Mon-Fri 6:15am & 8:15am, Sat 8:15am

WEEKEND: Sat 4pm, Sun, 7:30am, 9am & 11am

MASS ONLINE CONTINUES

### RECONCILIATION (IN THE CHAPEL)

Individual Confessions: by appointment and Saturdays, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6pm

### OUR CLERGY

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor  
Father Andrew Kleine, Parochial Vicar  
In Residence: Father Paul Sappington  
Deacon Dave Healy

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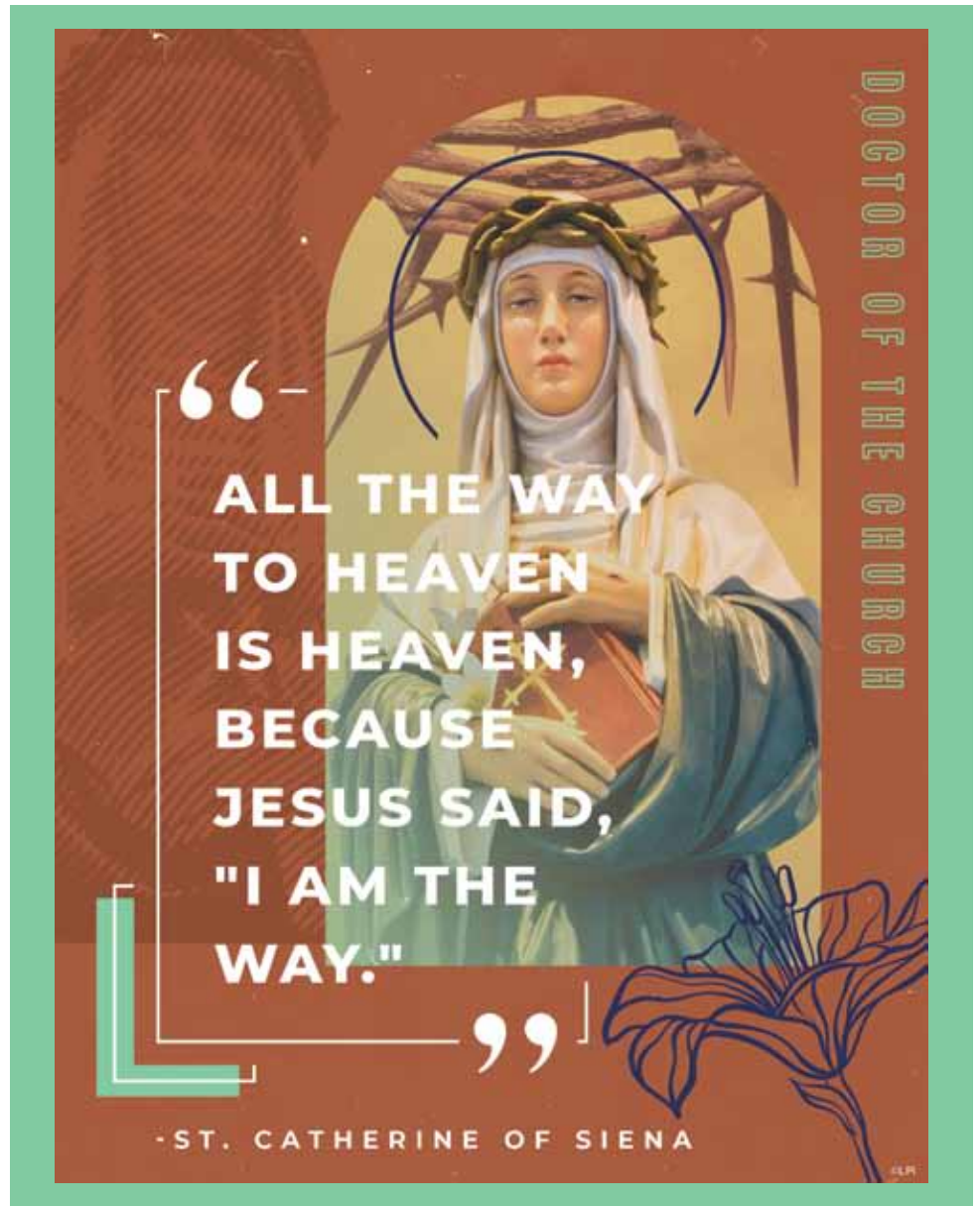
SCHOOL TOURS: contact Principal Linda Crosthwait at 816-942-5581 or [crosthwait\\_linda@stmcydones.org](mailto:crosthwait_linda@stmcydones.org)

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults are required to:

- Attend a Protecting God's Children workshop
- Attend a mandated reporter training
- Submit to a background check
- Read the online Policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry

For more Safe Environment information, including reporting and victim resources, see page 10.



FRIDAY, MAY 12, 7-9PM  
IN THE CHURCH

*Eucharistic Adoration, Worship, The Power of Jesus' Healing Presence*



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,

I want to welcome all of those individuals from the Saint Catherine's community who are joining us this weekend. We are glad you are here with us, and are eager to befriend you, and receive the gifts you will share with STM.

As a reminder, I am asking all of us to wear a name tag (available in the Narthex) for our weekend Masses throughout the month of May, as a gesture of charity toward our neighbor.

We are beginning to incorporate some Saint Catherine's items into our own worship experience, and among them is the Saint Catherine's monstrance which we will use for Adoration this weekend, and the installation of the relic of Saint Catherine of Siena, alongside our relic of the cross (underneath our crucifix).

A few specific welcomes:

+ Bob Sandford, who is already on staff at STM part-time handling Communications, will soon expand his hours here, taking on responsibilities for our choir and some other music ministries. He's taking some well deserved vacation time in this transition, and we'll see more of Bob as we enter summer.

+ Deacon Dave Healy, previously assigned to Saint Catherine of Siena, has been assigned by the diocese to assist at STM. Deacon Dave joins us this weekend at the 11AM Mass. The presence of Deacon Dave and his wife, Moira, will provide great assistance to our sacramental offerings.

+ I have asked Bruce Gregg, who was the Finance Council Chair at Saint Catherine's, to join our own Council, and he has agreed. His insights will help us manage these new assets of which our community becomes stewards.

I also want to thank a slew of staff/volunteers and their efforts to provide welcoming gestures for our brothers and sisters this weekend. Among them: Becky Johnson, Tim Waris, Mary Begnaud, Sharon Arnett, Dana Epperly, Joan Sandford, Beth

Sullivan, Nancy Sciortino, Maureen Dierkes, Linda Hageman, Bryan VanBuskirk, Rae Lynn Vittorino, Diane Teefey, Kathy Grier, Marla Byrne and others from the Women of STM.

This week our STM School 8th graders celebrate some final gatherings as they leave our community and prepare for high school. For many of them, STM has been their only experience of education, and so the conclusion of this chapter can be rich in emotion. Please pray for them during this good and necessary transition, that they feel our community's encouragement.

And thank you to the Men of STM! Their charity golf tournament this weekend helps provide - among other contributions - personalized bibles for our 8th grade graduates.

Father Justin

P.S. This Friday (May 12) is our last Fresh Fire before heading into the summer. I hope many are able to join us!



## Come Home to Communion



### Regular Mass Schedule

**Monday-Friday, 6:15am & 8:15am**

**Saturday, 8:15am;**  
4pm vigil Mass

**Sunday, 7:30am, 9am & 11am**

**Sign Interpreted Mass:** 2nd  
Sundays at 11am

Masks are available. The chapel, cry room and narthex remain open for social distancing. Masses are recorded daily; find them at [stmkc.com](http://stmkc.com) or [youtube.stmkc.com](http://youtube.stmkc.com).

## The Light is On for You

Confessions are offered in the reconciliation room.

Saturdays, 7:15-8am and 3-3:45pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays\*, 5-6pm  
and by appointment

\*No confession times Thursday, May 4 due to a diocesan priestly gathering. Confession time on Thursday, May 11 will conclude at 5:30pm due to Graduation.

## Church Hours for Private Prayer

Monday-Friday, 6am-6pm

Saturdays: 7am-5pm; Sundays: 7am-9pm

## Pray the Rosary with Others

Sundays, after 9am Mass

Join with the Knights of Columbus in prayer.

## Eucharistic Exposition at STM

Sundays, Noon-9pm in the Church

Regular time spent with the Lord in Adoration can be life changing! **Note: May 7 will be 1-9pm, to accommodate a reception after Mass.**

**Like anything else that is worthwhile in life,** it takes a certain degree of discipline to become more eucharistic in your prayer life. Remember, however, that God is never outdone in generosity.

## Eucharistic Revival - Registration open!

July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis

At the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic

Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

Visit [EucharisticCongress.org](http://EucharisticCongress.org) to meet the emcees, see the schedule, and register. It's going to be an incredible five days! We can't wait to see what Our Lord has in store for this next chapter for the Catholic Church.

**Save the date: BEHOLD Adoration Experience**

**May 4, 2024 on the Liberty Memorial North Lawn**

As the National Eucharistic Revival closes out its Parish Year in 2024, join KC metro Catholics in recreating the first annual Eucharistic Congress held in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph on May 4, 1941. This public outdoor event is being co-hosted by the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS and will feature nationally-recognized live musical performances, speakers and the largest Eucharistic Adoration opportunity in our diocese in more than 80 years.

## Fresh Fire Fridays - Mark your calendars!

May 12, 7-9pm

*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49.*

Looking for a wonderful experience of prayer with others? These evenings are beautiful nights of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music and personal testimonies. Prayer teams are also available to pray with those in need. Come to experience the power of Jesus' healing presence.

## Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, [BULLETIN@STMKC.COM](mailto:BULLETIN@STMKC.COM) OR 942-2492 X202, TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST. IF YOUR NAME IS DROPPED OFF AND YOU ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL PRAYERS FOR HEALING, CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. **NAMES APPEAR EVERY OTHER WEEK.**

### ...our family and friends in the military:

Seth Gulsby  
John Hylander

Steve Janner  
Sarah Katz

Bobby Murphy  
Brian Owara

Alycia Pouch  
Nathan Pouch

John P. Sullivan

### ...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams  
Tom Bauer

Susan Belzer  
Nino Gurera

Mary Margaret Murry  
Sam Snider

Gafo Visesio  
Anita Wagner

JoAnn Walton

### ...our family and friends who are sick:

Victoria Bruce  
Mike Carnelia  
Elowen

Judy Frederick  
Kaya Gawron  
Nita Habbena

Geoff Hanover  
David Kezele  
Tina Martinat

Denise Adams Mehlo  
Noel Mehlo  
Vonnie Niederwimmer

Mike Piper  
Rachael Cassady Smith

### ...our family and friends who have died:

Linda Allen; Bill Brady

## Our Lady of Fatima Holy Rosary Rally

**Sunday, May 14, 3-4:15pm**

Meet at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 11300 W. 103rd St. Overland Park, KS. 66214 to pray the mysteries of the Rosary, followed by Benediction and the opportunity to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For more details, visit [rosaryrallieskc.org](http://rosaryrallieskc.org).

## Care & Support

### Mental Health Awareness and Support Group

**2nd Wednesdays (May 9), 7pm**

Shepherds of Hope is a support group for anyone who lives with or loves someone with any struggles. They strive to help one another along the faith journey of mental health. The group meets in the conference room at Good Shepherd Church, 12800 W. 75th Street, Shawnee, KS. Contact Teri at [terimsabatino@gmail.com](mailto:terimsabatino@gmail.com) or 913-220-5421 for more information.

### Grief Support Group

**Third Saturdays (May 20), after the 8am Mass**

The Bereavement Ministry at Cure' of Ars is hosting this meeting in the Father Burak room in the church building. Cure' of Ars is located at 9405 Mission Rd, Leawood, KS. For more information, call 913-649-2026.

### Retrouvaille

**June 9-11 (Friday-Sunday)**

For marriages in crisis, Retrouvaille has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Couples will find help and hope for their marriages during the weekend, and the follow-up post sessions. For details, visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230.

In an evaluation at the end of a Retrouvaille weekend, one participant wrote the following:

*[As the weekend date approached,] I regretted my decision to sign up for Retrouvaille. We are in the process of divorce and I truly felt that I hated my wife. We already had a hearing. Arguing in the car on the way over, I yelled "Turn this car around!" But she got a phone call and by the time we arrived [for the weekend], I just walked in the door. I've learned I still love my wife and I am going to cancel everything, even though I spent \$15,000 on legal fees.*

### Memorial Day Commemorative Masses

**Monday, May 29, 10am at Catholic Cemeteries**

All are invited to honor our fallen soldiers in loving memory of those family members and friends who have gone before us. Mass will be held at Mount Saint Mary's, Resurrection, and Mount Olivet in Kansas City.

Staff will be on hand at these Cemeteries to help locate graves and answer inquiries. Experienced family

service counselors will also be available to discuss pre-planning.

Decorations may be placed on graves beginning Monday, May 8 and will be removed on June 5 for mowing.

For more information regarding these cemeteries, call 816-353-1900 or email [momarkers@cemeterieskc-sj.org](mailto:momarkers@cemeterieskc-sj.org).

### Courage and Encourage Apostolates

Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching on same-sex attraction and/or behavior. Members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support.

EnCourage is a spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex attraction. Call the Courage Apostolate helpline phone number for more information.

The confidential Courage helpline is 913-428-9893 and their website is [kcsjfamily.org/courage](http://kcsjfamily.org/courage). All contacts are confidential and both groups meet in Kansas City.

### Turning Point Programs for People with Serious Illness

Turning Point educates and supports individuals, families and friends living with a wide variety of serious or chronic physical illnesses. Through classes, activities, and education, Turning Point helps participants increase resilience so they may live life to the fullest, even while experiencing chronic disease. Brochures for May-June 2023 that list their upcoming programs can be found in the magazine rack at the north end of the narthex.



## Stewardship

### Men of STM Charity Golf Tournament

**Friday, May 5; Noon Check-in, 1pm Shotgun start**

This 4-Man Scramble tournament will be held at Eagles' Landing Golf Course in Belton. The practice range is open at noon. Hole sponsorships are \$200, golf is \$140/golfer, dinner only is \$20 and Mulligans are \$5 each or \$20 for 5.

Sign up online at [stmkc.com/golf](http://stmkc.com/golf) or contact Liam at [LiamPGA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LiamPGA@sbcglobal.net) or 913-558-9835. Proceeds go to help provide personalized Bibles for STM 8th grade graduation and for STM parish needs.



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REGISTER  
ONLINE

## Food Drive This Weekend

### May 6-7 in the Narthex

Our monthly food drive helps people who are struggling to put food on their tables. Please bring the following items: canned tuna and meats, low-sodium canned soups and vegetables, pancake mix, syrup, sugar, dry milk, boxed meals, pasta and sauce, canned fruits, peanut butter, jelly, rice, jello, condiments, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items, and paper goods. Monetary donations are also helpful!

**If you want to support Seton Center online**, you can make a financial contribution at [setonkc.org](http://setonkc.org). Click on the donate tab.

**A portion of our food drive** goes to our local food pantry at First Baptist Church which helps people in the Red Bridge area.

## Carnations to Honor Mothers

### May 13-14, after Masses

In honor of mothers, the Respect Life Committee will sell carnations at the end of each Mass during Mother's Day weekend. They ask for a \$1 donation per flower. All proceeds go to Missouri Right to Life, to be used primarily for educational outreach.

## Annual Spring Festival and Auction

### Thursday, May 18

Bishop Johnston invites the entire diocese to support the annual festival at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Proceeds will support the cathedral's varied ministries, especially diocesan liturgical life. For more information and tickets, visit [kcgolddome.org/](http://kcgolddome.org/).

## Knights of Columbus: TX Hold 'Em Poker Tournament

### Friday, May 19, in More Hall

All men and women are invited to this charity poker tournament! Register at 7pm; play at 7:30. Pre-register for \$30; walk-ins are \$35. Cash Prizes - \$300 First Place, \$200 Second, \$100 Third. To register, text 816-213-9375 or email [kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kcmarkus@sbcglobal.net).

## Jewelry & Accessories \$5 Sale

### May 25-26 (Thu., 7am-5pm; Fri., 7am-3pm)

St. Joseph Medical Center's Volunteer Services is again hosting this popular event in the lower level of the atrium. Proceeds will be donated to Catholic Charities of Kansas City. Come to the Health Center at 1000 Caron-

delet Dr., KCMO 64114 to find some very good deals while supporting a worthwhile cause! Call Fred at 816-812-1198 for more details.

## Learn About the MOScholars K-12 Scholarship Program

### May 20-21, after 4pm, 9am, & 11am Masses

It's no secret that one of the keys to a dynamic and growing parish is a dynamic and successful school.

In 2021, the Missouri General Assembly established the MOScholars program, a program that provides scholarships of up to \$6,375 per student for children to attend Catholic and other private schools. Already, 8 students at Saint Thomas More School have been awarded this scholarship, and our hope is that many more will apply as it grows.

Join the STM Stewardship Committee to learn more about this program. Jeremy Lillig, the Executive Director of Stewardship & Development for the diocese, will be on hand to discuss:

- Student eligibility for the MOScholars scholarship
- The process involved in applying for the MOScholars scholarship
- How you can support this program at no cost to you when you file your Missouri tax return

This event will be particularly helpful for:

- **families with young children** who will be enrolling at STM school in the coming years
- **parishioners who pay taxes to the State of Missouri** but would prefer their tax dollars be put toward this program instead of the state's general fund.

Refreshments will be provided, so RSVPs are preferred (but not required), simply for the purpose of having enough food on hand. Call Mary at the Parish Office, 816-942-2492 or email [information@stmkc.com](mailto:information@stmkc.com).

## Solar Power and Sustainable Housing

Do you want to support solar power for all and sustainable housing in Missouri? Jerusalem Farm, a nonprofit in Kansas City, is submitting a proposal for a solar power specialty license plate. Funds generated from the sale of these plates will be used towards installing solar power systems on homes of low-income homeowners in Kansas City's historic Northeast.

Although Jerusalem Farm is starting with a focus on Kansas City, they hope this program can be expanded to other areas of the state. If 200 people commit to purchasing a plate (\$40 more than the standard Missouri plate), the proposal can be submitted to the state government for approval. To support this program, sign up today and share with friends who may be interested! To sign up, visit [jerusalemfarm.org](http://jerusalemfarm.org) and click the link at the top of the page.

## Pop Tabs For Ronald McDonald House

Please consider recycling the tabs from your cans. The tabs can be placed in the top drawer of the dresser in the narthex, near the restrooms. There are a few young parishioners that are willing to deliver them directly to the area Ronald McDonald House locations. Proceeds from these tabs are used to generate funds to offset their general operating costs. Thank you in advance!

## April Financials

Regular - \$234,873.41	Plate - \$4,632.25
Facilities - \$3,301.00	HVAC - \$12,500.00
Education Fund - \$476.00	School - \$3,219.85
Holy Land - \$300.00	

**Thank you** for your continued contributions!



## Mystagogy Sessions

### Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm in More Hall

Following their entrance into the Church at Easter, the Church offers a period of "Mystagogy" (Greek for "mystery"), accompanying participants as they deepen their appreciation for life in the Body of Christ. These sessions will cover:

- May 9 - Catholic Social Teaching
- May 16 - Spiritual Direction and Accompaniment

**Any parishioner is welcome** to join these sessions.

## You don't want to miss out on being a More Friend! (for parishioners 55+ years)

Questions? Contact Beth Sullivan. (Contact info is in the parish directory, available in the narthex.)

### Mass, Rosary, Breakfast and Q & A with Father Justin Saturday, May 13, 8:15am Mass and after, More Hall

Always interesting! This event will be complimentary to those who join More Friends before this event.

### It's Membership time again!

Dues are \$10/member for the year and may be mailed to, or dropped off at, the Parish Office. Please include name(s), phone number(s) and email address(es).

### What will the future hold for More Friends?

Many minds and hearts are working on some projects for More Friends events. Possibilities include:

**Local Events:** bingo, Wornall/Majors House Museum, New Theatre Restaurant, Powell Gardens, Royals baseball game, Truman Library, Truman Farm and Home, Master Gardeners presentation, casino trip, trivia.

**Trips:** Warm Springs Ranch, Crystal Bridges in Bentonville AR, Perryville MO National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.

**Popular Annual Events:** Octoberfest, Friendsgiving, Christmas party

**A Special Welcome** to Saint Catherine's parishioners to join the community of More Friends is currently being brainstormed by the best!

## Acts of the Apostles Scripture Study

### Wednesdays (May 31-August 2), 6-7pm, More Hall

*Christ, you are the vine and we are the branches. Strengthen us in our calling to fulfill the Scriptures by our lives. Open our hearts and minds as we study about your great love for us.* Study materials provided. Bring your own Bible, optional. Email yvonne0557@att.net or text 913-271-1222 for more details.

Yvonne began as a group facilitator of Acts of the Apostles in 1990, has taught grades 5-8, served as president of the SEKC Serra Club, and facilitated online Zoom scripture studies through COVID and to the present.

## Laudato Si' & the Catholic Church Conference

This biennial conference will equip and inspire Catholics to more deeply integrate Laudato Si' and its climate change teaching into the U.S. Catholic Church. Throughout June and July, the series will host 90-minute virtual sessions on the goals of the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform. Each session will feature a scholar to describe the goal, a practitioner who outlines their work to achieve the goal, and a moderated Q&A. Visit [creighton.edu/catholicclimate](http://creighton.edu/catholicclimate) to register or for more details.

## Saint Mary's High School: All School Reunion

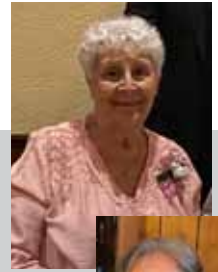
### Saturday, June 17, 6-10pm

Come to Saint Mary's High School gym, located next to the high school. Donations will be accepted at the door. BYOB and bring a snack to share! Questions? Email Michael at [mslquix@comcast.net](mailto:mslquix@comcast.net).

## Monastic Experience: "Come, Let Us Adore"

### June 23-29 (Friday-Thursday)

Single women ages 18-40, are invited to stay with the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. For details or to sign up, contact Sister Maria Victoria, Vocation Director, at [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org) or 660-944-2221 x127. Visit [benedictinesisters.org](http://benedictinesisters.org) to discover more about this order.



### A thank you from St. Catherine's music ministers

When St. Thomas More's Celebration Choir got the news that St. Catherine's was closing, they wrote words of welcome in a card inviting our choir members to join them. So, when we heard that they sing Holy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday but not Good Friday, we invited them to join us. The combined choir is pictured here at rehearsal for Good Friday. (They blended beautifully.) We are grateful for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

-Bob Sandford

(Former St Catherine's Music Director,  
Starting soon as St. Thomas More Choir Director)

P.S. And thank you to the many visiting STM parishioners who expressed their gratitude for our ministry and their hope that we would come serve in STM's music ministry.



## KCSJ Cursillo Grand Reunion & Celebration

### Saturday, July 8; begins with 4:30pm Mass

All 4th Day members and their families are invited to attend an evening of Celebration of Faith, Hope, and Charity in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Father Fidelis Albrecht's Death and 60 Years of the Cursillo Movement in KC! Bishop Johnston will preside at the Mass which will be followed by dinner and prayer, the KC history of Cursillo, reflections and more!

Sign up yourself and family for a dinner count: [signupgenius.com/go/30E0845AAA92DA3FD0-cursillo](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E0845AAA92DA3FD0-cursillo). We look forward to seeing everyone! Ultreya!

## 2023-24 Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

### Applications due Saturday, July 15

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City offers a retreat every year, September-May. This individually directed retreat is designed to dispose "pray-ers" to grow in relationship with God and discern more readily God's will. You will pray daily with specific exercises and then go about your day and meet weekly with a prayer guide who will companion you. To find out more and request an application, visit [ignatiancenterkc.org](https://ignatiancenterkc.org) or email Laurie Hathman at [SEEL@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:SEEL@ignatiancenterkc.org).

## City On A Hill (COAH) Young Adult Events

Visit [kansascityonahill.org/](https://kansascityonahill.org/) for more info. Click on Get Involved to sign up for The Loop, a weekly email with current info. Email: [connectevents@kansascityonahill.org](mailto:connectevents@kansascityonahill.org)

## Cinco de Mayo Social

### Friday, May 5, 6-9pm

Meet at Minor Park, 11103 Holmes Rd. for a taco bar (with vegetarian options), margaritas and yard games. Please RSVP!

## ConnectKC: Hiking

### Saturday, May 6, 10am-around 12:30pm

Meet at Hodge Park 47-83 NE Reinking Rd, KCMO 64157 for a leisurely hike and life-giving conversation! Gather at the trailhead at 10, hike at 10:15. Please RSVP.

## CCS Cornhole Tournament

### Sunday, May 7, 1:30-5:30pm

Sign up with a partner and meet at Limitless Brewing, 9500 Dice Lane, Lenexa for an afternoon of friendly competition.

## Sip & Smoke Sundays

### Sundays, May 7 & 21, 6-8pm (and dates in June/July)

Guys will hang out at different locations over the summer to enjoy whiskey, cigars, and community. Each evening also includes a brief witness. Please RSVP!

## ConnectKC: Come 'n Craft

### Monday, May 15, 6:30-8pm

Save the date and watch for details!

## Tuesdays at the Boulevard

### Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-10:30pm

Save the date and watch for details!

## Parish Calendar of Events

Thu., May 4 - Knights' Officer mtg., 7pm More Hall  
Sun., May 7 - Monthly Food Drive, Narthex Adoration, 1-9pm, Church  
Mon., May 8 - Green Team mtg., 6:30pm, Parish Office Living Waters, 7-10pm, Church  
Tue., May 9 - Women's Study, 9-11am, Bauman RCIA, 6:15-7:30pm, More Hall A  
Thu., May 11 - Knights of Columbus mtg., 7:15pm  
Fri., May 12 - Fresh Fire 7-9pm, Church  
Sat., May 13 - More Friends: Breakfast & Discussion  
Sun., May 14 - Mothers' Day  
Carnations sold by Respect Life to honor moms!  
Tue., May 16 - RCIA/Mystagogia, 6:15-7:30pm  
Wed., May 17 - Cooking for Uplift, 1:30-3pm  
Thu., May 18 - Guatemala Action Group mtg., 6pm  
Fri., May 19 - Knights' Poker Tournament, 7-11pm  
Sat.-Sun., May 20-21 - MO Scholars Presentation, after 4pm, 9am & 11am Masses

## STM School

Linda Crosthwait, Principal

816-942-5581 [STMKC.COM/SCHOOL](https://stmkc.com/school)



## Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 8am-3:45pm; Fri., 8:30am-3:30pm

## 2023-24 Registration

Contact the school to register and/or tour. Preschool enrollment is closed; names are accepted for the waiting list. Two other grade levels are almost closed.

## School Dates

Fri., May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Party, 7pm, Southside  
Tue., May 9 - Dos de Oros Dine Out, 4pm-close  
Wed., May 10 - 8th Grade Last Mass, 8:15am  
Passing the Light ceremony, until 10am  
Walking Parade, 10:15am  
Dinner/Dance, 6-9pm  
Thu., May 11 - 8th Grade Graduation, 5:30pm, Church  
Mon., May 15 - Fun Day, PK-7th (Rain-out day: May 17)  
Fri., May 19 - Last day of STM School (11:30 dismissal)

## STM-for-All: Cinco de Mayo

### Friday, May 5, 7pm at Southside Bar & Grill

Support Meg Burke in her effort to raise money for STM School. Live entertainment will be provided by The Jackwagons. A \$20 donation at the door buys two drinks and great music!



## Summer Cyclones Care Program

**Weekdays (Tue., May 30-Tue., Aug. 8), 8am-5:30pm**

The Summer Cyclones Camp is an amazing experience for children in preschool through entering 7th grade. Kids will stay sharp on their academic skills and participate in fun-filled activities.

### Costs

One-time, non-refundable activity fee - \$300/child  
Camp fee per child (can be paid in two installments)

- 5 days - \$3000
- 3 days (M/W/F) - \$2400
- 2 days (Tu/Th) - \$1800

1st payment due May 25; 2nd payment due July 6  
Family discount given for more than one child, e.g., 10% for 2nd child.

Visit [stmkc.com/community-life/summer-cyclones/](http://stmkc.com/community-life/summer-cyclones/) to register or email Tim Waris at [tim@stmkc.com](mailto:tim@stmkc.com).

Camp Directors are Alison Wynne and Jo Rogers.

### Special Events During Camp include:

- **Guest facilitators**—The Marble Guy (learn to play, make a marble, take home a bag of marbles); the Rocket Lady (build your own rocket & shoot it off!); the Roller Coaster lady
- **Nature walks** to prepare individual sections of your own “Nature Book”
- **Red Bridge Library** experiences

## Adoption Assistance Fund

A fund has been set up to assist STM members with the legal expenses of adopting a child. To request assistance or to offer a gift to the fund, send your name and phone number to [Adoption@stmkc.com](mailto:Adoption@stmkc.com) and you will be contacted.

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To learn more about your school's campus ministry, visit [newmanministry.com/](http://newmanministry.com/). You are also able to sign up there to be contacted before arriving on campus!

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## Parish Office Hours (until further notice)

Office Hours: M-W 8:45am-3:30pm; T-Th 8:45am-5pm  
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## Finance Ministry Team

Justin Hicks, Chair  
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*Parishioner volunteers serve for three-year terms.*  
Questions? Email [FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com](mailto:FinanceCouncil@stmkc.com).



## Diocesan Ombudsman

Joe Crayon [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) or  
816-812-2500

## To register as a member of Saint Thomas More Parish...

...go to [stmkc.com/registration](http://stmkc.com/registration), contact the parish office or pick up a registration form on the Information table in the church narthex.

## Safe Environment Information

The Diocese of Kansas City~Saint Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

- Call the **MO Child Abuse Hotline**, 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), or **KS Protection Report Center**, 1-800-922-5330, and
- Contact your **local law enforcement agency** or call 911, and
- After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the **Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon**, at [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org) or 816-812-2500 if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City~Saint Joseph.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the **Victim Advocate** at [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) or 816-392-0011 for more information.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**, contact:

**Joan Sandford**, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, [safety@stmkc.com](mailto:safety@stmkc.com) or 942-2492 x202, OR

**Meredith Blair**, School Safe Environment Coordinator, [blair\\_meredith@stmcyclones.org](mailto:blair_meredith@stmcyclones.org) or 942-5581.

## Mass Intentions

Mon:	<b>6:15AM Doctors</b>
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Tues:	<b>6:15AM Robert B Bushman<sup>†</sup></b>
5/9	8:15AM Martin Perez <sup>†</sup>
Wed:	<b>6:15AM Darin Seck<sup>†</sup></b>
5/10	**8:15AM Ron Dreiling <sup>†</sup>
Thur:	<b>6:15AM EMTs</b>
5/11	8:15AM Kathy Riggs Begemann <sup>†</sup>
Fri:	<b>6:15AM Lynn Nelson<sup>†</sup></b>
5/12	8:15AM Andy & LaVonne Klein <sup>†</sup>
Sat:	<b>8:15AM Jerry Meiners<sup>†</sup></b>
5/13	4:00PM Matthew McCullough <sup>†</sup>
Sun:	<b>7:30AM Dan Rogge<sup>†</sup></b>
5/14	9:00AM Vickie Dugas Walton <sup>†</sup>
	<b>11:00AM Our Parishioners</b>

<sup>†</sup> Deceased

\*\*School Mass

**To request a Mass intention, stop by the parish office or call 816-942-2492. Suggested donation per Mass is \$10.**

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