



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH

Welcome visitors & friends! New members are asked to register at the parish office

January 20, 2019

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Bulletin online

this and last week's at stmkc.com

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am,
5:00 pm

Daily Masses (HOLIDAYS CAN VARY--SEE P.10)

Monday-Friday: 6:15 am and 8:15 am

Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

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

Our Clergy

Father Justin Hoye, Pastor

Father Gabe Lickteig, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Kevin Cummings

At the Parish Office

Office Hours: 8:45 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday
(Closed for lunch 1-2pm)

Parish Office 816-942-2492

Office fax 816-942-8803

Office email directory at stmkc.com

At the School Office

Randy Smith Principal

Kathy O'Sullivan Assistant Principal

Colleen Sullivan School Secretary

Office Hours: Closed in July

School Office 816-942-5581

School fax 816-941-2450

School email directory at stmkc.com

SCHOOL TOURS: contact Jill Schweiss at 816-942-5581x4204 or Schweiss_Jill@stmcyclones.org

Safe Environment

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

- Complete an application (if new in ministry)
- Attend a Protecting God's Children workshop
- 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.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TRUE PEACE IS NOT
MERELY THE ABSENCE
OF TENSION; IT IS
THE PRESENCE OF
JUSTICE.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 21

Jockeys & Juleps

LETS DINE, DANCE AND DERBY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

STMAUCTION.ORG

See page 7





Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,



First, a word of thanks to all those of good-will who made our Masses last weekend (and through Tuesday) so memorable. With the loss of some power, I was grateful for those who took things in stride

(and to those ministers who worked vigilantly to be here for the good of our community!)

Last weekend's weather delayed a few things that we are offering this weekend:

In the narthex we have photos and bios for each of our RCIA catechumens seeking baptism at this year's Easter Vigil. Please take one and pray for these men, women and families as they grow closer to God through the discernment process.

Also in the narthex this weekend (weather permitting) are auction baskets looking for donors ahead of our annual auction, "Jockeys & Juleps" - just two weeks away! Please peruse, and consider sponsoring a basket put together by our auction committee as well as attending the auction after the 4pm Mass, Saturday, February 2.

We continue our celebration this week of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This annual call has been around for over a century, and this year the theme revolves around the call to manifest justice in the world. As we pray for greater unity among those who bear the name of Christ, may we be mindful of righting injustices that can be a stumbling block to Christian concord.

Father Justin

Reflection

When you think of being Catholic, what do you think of? Perhaps you grew up with your only associations being fasting, nuns with rulers, and "Catholic guilt." Our faith can sometimes have the connotation of restriction and absence, not abundance. Who is God in your life? Is He the divine law-giver, the judge punishing the rule-breakers? These are certainly attributes of God. But the laws don't exist for themselves alone. They exist to help us love one another as God loves us. And this loving God is the author of abundance and joy.

Did you hear today's Gospel? "There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee." Here at this wedding, Jesus would perform "the beginning of his signs...and so reveal his glory." This first sign isn't a miraculous healing. He didn't raise someone from the dead. He kept a party going! "There were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons...the water...had become wine." The wine has run out. Jesus creates somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons to help his friend save face. We may not have such momentous miracles in our lives, but God is watching out for us: the string of green lights when you're running late, the sale on the replacement appliance you need, the friend who calls at just the right time. These are the little moments of God's abundance. We just need to look for them!

Not only does Jesus surprise, but the guests point out to their host: "You have kept the good wine until now." The divine wine is better than the earthly variety. God's goodness is better than what we can grasp at for ourselves. Isn't that how it always goes?

~ Liturgical Publications, Inc.

Pledge Reports

Thanks to those who returned pledge forms or submitted a pledge online! Additional forms may be found on the dresser in the narthex or visit stmkc.com/as to register online.

STM ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

Goal: 100% response rate

619 households (38%) pledged \$1,843,306 by 1/16/19

STM Capital Campaign

An additional \$58,305 has been pledged for 2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal: \$175,000 (for STM alone) as of 1/15/19

250 households pledged \$149,899 (86% of goal)

Diocesan total: 4,866 pledged \$1,587,210 (79% of goal)

Stewardship Corner

Reflection

In today's second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation.

Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?

~ International Catholic Stewardship Council

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

This Weekend: January 19-20

Did you know that almost half of the United States is considered mission territory? Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. Your generosity will also provide catechesis, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses across the United States. Visit usccb.org/home-missions to learn more.

Memorial Gifts

Prayerfully consider a memorial donation to remember a loved one or a family member on the anniversary of their passing. Make your online donation at stmkc.com and click "online giving" in the quick link section.

Memorial gifts (name only) are

published semi-annually in More News. If you were out of town and missed a funeral, please know that you can make a memorial gift at any time. Contact Tim Waris at timwaris@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x218 or if you need information or assistance for online giving.

December Financials

Regular - \$364,324.59

Plate - \$4,921.55

Facilities - \$6,088.50

School - \$36,490.00

Capital Campaign - \$71,079.90

Religious Retirement - \$8,096.44

Christmas - \$12,845.81

Guidebook & Directories

Parishioners may pick up their 2019 Guidebooks from the Information Table in the narthex after weekend Masses. Please only one copy per family and registered parishioners only. Questions? Contact Joan Sandford, joan@stmkc.com or 816-942-2492 x202.

Please hold in prayer

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, BULLETIN@STMKC.COM OR 942-2492 X202, TO ADD OR SUBTRACT 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:

Drew Belzer
J.D. Corless
Mike Dean

CJ Hodges
Rebekah Hodges
Blaise Ismert

Jonathan Kennaley
Michael B. Montalto

Matthew Owens
Andrea Paschang

Jonathan Scavuzzo
Mallory Witcher

...our parishioners who are sick:

Mary Sue Adams
Tom Allen
Bob Atchity
Jerry Bolin
Joe Bukaty, Sr.
Kelly Lou Campbell

Mary Cimino
Millie Cox
Tom Curry
Jim Dishman
Theresa Dishman
Ellie Donahue

Andrea Donigan
Barbara Eufinger
Annabell Gaughan
Rita Hook
Ron Hron
Jim Humphrey

Michael Kennaley
Donna Mandl
Patrick Miller
LaDonne Mullen
Mike O'Conner
Paul Park

Lenny Passantino
Joe Schloegel
Mary Scimeca
Deborah Smith
Ron Tavernaro

...our family and friends who are sick:

Mary Bauer
Patrick Caskey
Brandon Clark
Billy Eicholtz

Mike Faeth
Jan Gross
Gen Jolosky
Joseph LaSala

Carol Maniscalco
Susie McManamy
Denise Adams Mehlo
Colleen Mitchell

Shellie Begnaud Pruett
Michelle Saale
Stephen Schwarz

Peter Thompson
Kristen Worthington
Nick Worthington

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

St. Luke's Plaza: Bob Koke

...our family and friends who have died:

Marcia Fenessy; Jim Flynn; Genevieve Zeffiro; Hugh Beck; Garrett Theisen, step-grandson of Dottie & Wally Bailey; Henrietta Earls, mother of Becky Kenagy; Matthew Daily, nephew of Linda Zents

STM School

816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL



Registration for 2019-20

Registration will be held in February. Fees will be determined and published in January. Watch the parish bulletin for details or call the school office at 816-942-5581.

Open House

Sunday, January 27, 10:30am-1pm

Tours are scheduled separately by calling the school at 816-942-5581 and asking for Jill Schweiss.

Fun Raffle

Drawing: Thursday, January 31

STM School students are now selling tickets to raffle off some wonderful prizes:

- 1st prize - a family 2019-20 STM School registration fee or \$750 in cash
- 2nd prize - a 55-inch TV for the big game!
- 3rd prize - \$150 cash

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from a school child or at the parish or school offices.

Did you know.....

....teachers have reported an increase in frequency of students helping each other and working together when they are using technology in the classroom? The presence of even a few devices in each classroom, improves student collaboration with peers and their teachers. Technology-based tasks, particularly those assigned in small group settings, lead to situations in which more technologically advanced students can assist their inexperienced peers. Want to know how to influence the success of STM students by incorporating technology in our classrooms? Stay tuned for more information coming from the STM Fund-A-Need Auction committee!

Box Tops for Education

Did you know that STM School has received over \$15,000 just from Box Top collections since its inception? This helps buy needed supplies and fund different efforts through Home & School to benefit the school. Last year alone we raised over \$1,000 in Box Tops. We increased our goal this year to \$1,400 and are half-way there! We only have until February 28 to make up the other half of the goal! Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to collect for you, too!

Box Tops can be placed in the top drawer of the dresser in the narthex and we thank you for your support!

Interested in learning more about STM School?

CONTACT JILL SCHWEISS, 942-5581, FOR A TOUR.



First grade acted out our play "Animal Picnic" with paper plate masks: fox, bird and cow!

Coke Gives Program

STM School is participating in the Coca-Cola Gives program this year. We are collecting any Coke product bottle tops with codes (no can tops please-though tabs submitted will be given to the Ronald McDonald house) and codes from the inside of Coke product cases, which are found inside the perforated section of the case. The school earns money for these codes! Please place these in the Box Tops drawer in the narthex. We appreciate your support!

STM-for-All Fundraisers

Saturday, March 2--Mardi Gras party
Saturday, March 30--Music Trivia
A Friday during Lent--Bingo Night (after the Fish Fry)
Saturday, April 13--Bury the Hatchet Axe Throwing
Friday, April 26--Mother/Son Dance
Saturday, April 27--Father/Daughter Dance



KNIGHTS' FREE THROW COMPETITION

Rescheduled for

Saturday, January 26, 5-8pm

STM Gymnasium

for boys and girls, ages 9-14

Faith in Action

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

dbutel@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x210

Souper Bowl of Caring 2019

Saturday, February 2

Saint Thomas More is once again participating in the South Kansas City Hunger Summit in a community-wide food drive to fight food-insecurity. All donations will benefit the Red Bridge Food Pantry and Community Assistance Council. New this year will be a soup competition between local chefs.

We invite parishioners to bring canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, pasta and sauce, jello, rice, white beans, laundry soap, toiletry items, Kleenex and paper towels.

Food will be collected at First Baptist Church **3-5pm** on February 2, 100 W. Red Bridge Road, KCMO. There will be a free meal of soup and salad from **5-6:30pm** that is open to the public. Come enjoy this annual nationwide event to help fight hunger! For more information, go to tacklehunger.org.

Save the Date for Two Upcoming Events

MIRA Lobby Day 2019: Wednesday, February 20

Join Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates in Jefferson City to engage with lawmakers and advocate for the rights and well-being of immigrants in the state of Missouri. The event runs **8:30am-4:30pm**. For more information or to register, go to mira-mo.org/community-events.

Pro-Life Action Day: Tuesday, March 12

Join Missouri Right to Life in Jefferson City to meet with your elected officials. Citizen lobbying for life is one of the most important things you can do to advocate for life. For more information, go to missourilife.org.

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Tuesday, January 22**

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Upper Room Celebrates 20 Years!

2019 marks twenty years of providing quality out-of-school education in Kansas City with The Upper Room. In the first year of their Summer Academic Program, they had over 200 applications with only 50 available slots. Today, The Upper Room has expanded to an After-School Program that partners with various schools in the Kansas City area. Their Child Development Center provides early learning for children ages six weeks to five years and their Summer Academic Program serves up to 3000 students.

They have begun making plans for their 2019 Summer Academic Program. Some jobs available include certified teachers, substitute teachers, and youth development leaders. For more information, go to upperroomkc.org/jobs.

Care & Support

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

dbutel@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x210

Grief Support Group at Saint Thomas More

Monday, January 21, 6:30-8pm

Due to the snowstorm, the Grief Support Group meeting that was scheduled for last Monday was moved to this Monday. This is a drop-in group. Come every month or once in a while. Generally, we will discuss the grief journey and find ways to cope and grow as we adjust to the loss of our loved ones.

The group meets in the parish office living room. For more information contact Maureen Kelly, Bereavement Coordinator at David Butel, 816-942-2492 x210 or dbutel@stmkc.com.

Solace House Support Groups

Solace House is a grief counseling center that supports children, individuals and families impacted by the death of a loved one. They are currently registering participants for a variety of different types of support groups. Go to kchospice.org/solace-house for more information.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

March 1-3 (Friday evening-Sunday)

Your marriage is the foundation of your family. It is the "school of love" that your children attend and the "domestic church" of the faith. Make a resolution to invest in your marriage in 2019. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you discover new ways to make your marriage the priority.

The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. For more information or to apply for a weekend, visit wwme4youandme.org, or contact Tony and Barb Zim-

STM Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 20

Catholic Home Missions Appeal
No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
No Youth Group meetings

Monday, January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Parish Office closed
No STM School
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, More Hall D
Bible Timeline, 7-8:30pm, More Hall A

Tuesday, January 22

Bible Timeline, 2-3:30pm, More Hall A
Living Waters, 6-9:30pm, Church

Wednesday, January 23

School of Religion, 6-7:10pm, More Hall A

Thursday, January 24

RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall A

Friday, January 25

Adoration, 9am-8:15am on Saturday, Prayer Chapel

Saturday, January 26

Parochial League Games:
9am: STM 6th girls (Young) vs Saint Charles Borromeo
10:15am: STM 7th girls (Wilson) vs Saint James
11:30am: STM 5th boys (LaScala) vs Saint Elizabeth's
12:45pm: STM 7th boys (Euston) vs Presentation
2pm: STM 7th boys (Brown) vs Presentation
3:15pm: STM 5th boys (Struby) vs Presentation

Sunday, January 27 - Catholic Schools Week begins

STM School Open House, 10:30am-1pm, School
Parochial League Games:
1pm: STM 8th boys (Cooke) vs Nativity
2:15pm: STM 8th girls (McLaury) vs Presentation
3:30pm: STM 7th girls (Wagner) vs Saint Regis
4:45pm: STM 5th boys (Garcia) vs Visitation
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30-5pm, Church
No Youth Group meetings

Events with STM

More Friends (for parishioners 55+)

Saturday, February 9, after 8:15am Mass, More Hall

Come to the monthly meeting to discuss future events.
Coffee and donuts served!

February 17, Sunday, 2pm Matinee Performance

Join More Friends to see "Cabaret" at the White Theater. Tickets are \$15/person. Send your check, payable to More Friends, to Maryann Smith at 44 E 108th Ter., KCMO 64114 or call 816-941-3563. Money must be received **no later than Monday, February 4.**

Join More Friends!

All parishioners 55 and over are invited to join More Friends. Send a \$12 check payable to "More Friends" for your membership dues to Maryann Smith at 44 E 108th

Terr., KCMO 64114. Paying your \$12 dues qualifies you to attend the More Friends Christmas party free of charge. Please send your payment before the end of March. Don't miss out on the fun!

The Catholic Key Subscriptions

In the January envelope packets, there is an envelope to use to purchase a subscription to *The Catholic Key*, the diocesan newspaper. Often, Saint Thomas More has been included in a story within that paper. Copies of *The Key* have been available in the church narthex, but we will soon be making changes to the distribution of them for our STM families. We plan to use our parish subscriptions to target parishioners who are homebound, in the nursing homes/assisted living facilities, or who are new to our parish, as a way of connecting specific individuals with our local church.

If you enjoy reading *The Key*, you are invited to subscribe (\$25/1 year) to have it mailed directly to your home. Make a contribution payable to STM, noting that it is for a subscription of *The Catholic Key*. **Beginning in February, *The Key* will no longer be found in the narthex.**

Saint Joseph Table

Meeting: Thursday, January 31, 7pm, More Hall

The Saint Joseph Day committee will meet to discuss preparations for the Tuesday, March 19 celebration. Anyone wanting to participate in helping make this event successful, call Angie DiFidi at 816-885-9027.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 10, 8-11:30am

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, juice, coffee. Tickets are \$8/person, \$30/family, free/5 years and younger. Sales from the breakfast help pay for summer camp.



Youth Events have been temporarily suspended

due to the arrival of **Josiah Paul McMahon**, 7 lbs.

11 oz., born January 14.

Watch for texts and emails and in the bulletin for further information. Congratulations to Lee and Adele!





ST THOMAS MORE AUCTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Jockeys & Juleps



..... FUND-A-NEED



The 2018-2019 Fund-A-Need initiative will support the development of life-long learners by enriching classrooms with enhanced technology. Updated teacher laptops as well as increased student devices will be shared throughout our school environment in a collaborative effort to broaden teaching and learning techniques.

Are we prepared to optimize these devices?

- Vital to the successful utilization of technology in our school, all teachers receive in-person training sponsored by Microsoft.
- Thanks to the recent Capital Campaign, wireless internet infrastructure was updated throughout the school, which unleashes the students' access to information.

What do we get?

- Teachers will receive: Microsoft Surface Pro; This device converts from a laptop to a tablet and is compatible with our existing overhead projectors.
- Students will share: Microsoft Surface Go; This device functions as a tablet with either keyboard or touch data entry and helps to broaden their learning experience.

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How do I donate?

- Online at stmauction.org / click on 'make a donation'
- Checks can be left at the STM parish or school office
- Mail: FUND A NEED
Saint Thomas More School
11800 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64013

What are some benefits?

- Teachers have observed an increased frequency of students helping each other when they're using technology in the classroom. Many technology-based tasks involve other aspects, and this leads to situations where students need to seek help from their peers or the teacher. Additionally, when students are assigned to small groups, the students who are more technologically advanced can assist their inexperienced peers.
- It will prepare students for further education as these same devices are utilized by many local high schools, including St. Michael the Archangel and St. Teresa's Academy.

How can you help?

- St. Thomas More is progressing toward an innovative and pioneering learning environment rooted in faith, service and rigorous academics. This progression is a community effort and needs your help.
- We invite both our school and parish communities to invest in the 2018-2019 Fund-A-Need initiative with a \$60,000 fundraising goal to ensure we continue that progression.
- If you have any further questions or wish to donate to our campaign, please contact Meghan Macy at 816.223.7638 or meghanemacy@gmail.com or Adrienne Frazier at mizafrazier@gmail.com.



Adult Faith Formation

Gabrielle Bash, Director of Faith Formation
gbash@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x223
Adult Formation: www.stmkc.com/aff

Faith Formation Classes - The Bible Timeline

**Mondays, 7-8:30pm, in More Hall A &
Tuesdays, 2-3:30pm, in More Hall B/D**

The Bible Timeline is an ongoing series that will last through the school year. Feel free to jump in as you are able. Topics each week will be listed here or may be found on the STM Event Calendar at stmkc.com.

Jan. 21-22 Topic: Divided Kingdom 2: 1-2 Kings

Men of STM: Journey Together

Begins Friday, February 8, 6-7:40am, More Hall

All men are encouraged to come along on our next Journey Together program, "Living the Ten Commandments for a Positive Outcome." During this Journey Together, we will learn how relevant and hopeful the Ten Commandments are in today's world and how they are paramount in discovering lasting joy and freedom. For details and to register, go to MenOfSTM.org/journey.



Other Opportunities

Sophia Spirituality Center Offerings in Atchison, KS

For more information or to register, call 913-360-6173 or visit sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

Look to the Saints and Angels for Inspiration

Wednesday, January 23, 9:30am-4pm

This workshop offers an opportunity to explore a meditative form of prayer through the making of sacred art. Using the language and tradition of the Christian art of icons, participants will create a small illuminated painting on a panel to take home. Presented by Mary Donovan, an Episcopal seminarian and an oblate of Mount St. Scholastica. Suggested donation of \$50 includes materials and noon meal. Scholarships available.

Retrouvaille - Hope for Your Marriage

January 25-27, 2019 (Friday-Sunday)

Is your marriage in crisis? Retrouvaille has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Your marriage will find help and hope during your weekend, and the follow-up post sessions. The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109. The registration fee is \$150 (deadline is January 24). Contact Jerry and Kim Bronder at 800-470-2230 or email retrokc@gmail.com.

Learn and Experience Different Forms of Prayer

Evening of Friday, February 1-Saturday, February 2

Marillac Center, Leavenworth, KS, is offering a retreat to experience different forms of prayer. Conferences will focus on praying our experiences, praying with Scripture and centering prayer. The retreat will close on Saturday with Taizé prayer. The donation for this retreat, including Saturday lunch and dinner, is \$50; scholarships are available. Overnight accommodations are \$55 per night. Registration deadline is **Friday, January 25**. To register, email retreats@scls.org; call 913-758-6552; or visit marillaccenter.org.

For Single Women Considering Religious Life

Join the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in running the way of love! The Benedictine Sisters invite women ages 18-40 to visit for a weekend, for a week-long Monastic Experience, or for a personal discernment retreat at their monastery in Clyde, MO. Experience the daily rhythm of life in singing the divine office, attending daily Mass, spending time in personal prayer, and opening your heart to God's call by learning about discernment and prayer. There is no cost to attend and more details can be found at benedictinesisters.org. To register, contact Sister Maria Victoria at 660-944-2221 x127 or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org.

Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning

Begins Saturday, February 16, 10am

For Valentine's Day, give your beloved the gift of true love through the freedom of Natural Family Planning—God's way to a heavenly marriage! This course will be held at Saint Mark Parish, 3736 S. Lee's Summit Rd., Independence, MO. Reasonable course fee. Call Mary Kathleen or Tom Morgan at 816-795-9790 for more information. Registration for these in-person or online classes required at live-the-love.org.

Married Couples' Retreat

March 22-24 (Friday-Sunday)

The diocesan Light and Life Retreat will be held at Conception Abbey. More information and registration can be found at kcsjfamily.org/light-life.

Matthew Kelly Coming to Kansas City!

Friday, August 23, Holy Spirit in Lees Summit

Are you thriving or just surviving? Do you want more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? Join Matthew for "Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose." It's not your typical church event. For tickets, go to dynamiccatholic.com and click on Events.

Nearby & Coming Soon

Building Community with Our Neighbors

Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Sunday January 20, 3-4pm

This support group will meet in the Lakeside Gathering Room at the Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2120 St. Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068. Call 816-415-3745. or email hospitalty@pbrenewalcenter.org to make a reservation.

Dementia Care Givers Support Group

Monday, January 21, 6-7pm

This support group meets the third Monday of each month at Villa Ventura, 12100 Wornall Road. A support group offers a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of people with dementia to meet and develop a mutual support. All are welcome. For more information, call Jennifer Walker at 816-838-5109.

Safety Talk with the Kansas City Police Department

Wednesday, January 23, 2-3pm

Officers Mary McCall and Jennifer Fales of the Kansas City Police Department will provide educational information on telephone fraud, credit card & money scams, and traveling with valuables. Please call 816-941-0525 to make a reservation.

26th Annual Support Our Seminarians Benefit Dinner

Friday, January 25, Union Station

Come for an evening of fun to support our seminarians. The reservation price is \$175/person at tables of ten people. To reserve your seat or table, contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com or register online at supportourseminarians.com.

School of Love Date Night

Thursday, February 7, 6:30-7:30pm

Hundreds of couples of all ages from both KC dioceses have enjoyed Date Night! We want you to do the same! We kick off your date with a happy (half) hour, appetizers, and a brief talk on faith+marriage+family; then you go finish your date together alone. It's a great, meaningful, and fun way to kick-start your date. Meet at the Plaza at Classic Cup (Cellar). Website: schooloflovekc.com/date-night.

KC Catholic Medical Association White Mass

Saturday, February 9, 6:30pm

2019 is the 10th annual White Mass, to be held at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213. An optional reception is at 7:30pm; tickets are \$15. Order tickets at catholicmedkc.org or email secretary@catholicmedkc.org to make a reservation.

Saint Therese Little Flower Parish Mardi Gras

Friday, February 22, 5:30-10:30pm

Meet at the Hillcrest Country Club, 8200 Hillcrest Road, KCMO 64138 for a celebration! Tickets may be purchased for \$15/person in advance, \$20/person at the door or \$250/table for 10. Prices include great food, non-alcoholic beverages, great entertainment, silent auction, and more. Wine and beer will be available. Additional information is available at stlffc.org; tickets may also be purchased there. Questions may be directed to Estelle Tunley at 816-444-5406.

KC Mavericks Faith & Family Night

Friday, March 1; Game at 7:05pm vs. Idaho

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a family night in connection with a Mac & Cheese collection at the arena. For every ticket sold, 10 boxes of Mac & Cheese will go to families in need through Catholic Charities (KCMO & KCK) resources. Tickets may be purchased at febo.me/kcmavscatholic. Plan to hang around after the game for skate night! Questions? Contact Nancy Butters at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

Young Adults

kansascityonahill.org or 816-714-2397

Tuesdays at the Boulevard: Young Adult Mass

3rd Tuesdays (February 19)

Rosary and Confessions begin at 6pm at Sacred Heart-Guadalupe Parish, 2544 Madison Ave., KCMO 64108. Attend Mass at 6:30pm, then walk across the parking lot to Boulevard Brewery for their best brews and Waldo Pizza! Your Mass program is your entry ticket, along with \$10 cash or check at the door. For more info, visit kansascityonahill.org/upcoming-events.

Reservoir: Young Adult Holy Hour and Confessions

Thursday, February 7, 6:30pm, Saint Peter's Church

Every first Thursday, young adults gather at 815 E. Meyer Boulevard, KCMO 64131 for Adoration and the opportunity to go to Confession.

Saint Paul's Outreach Kansas City (SPO-KC)

SPO-KC is a community of young adult disciples on mission to renew Kansas City and the world. If you are age 21+, consider attending as you are available and bring a friend! See spokansascity.org or email spokansascity@spo.org. Events below are held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in KC, KS.

Taco Dinner - Every Sunday, 6pm

Free dinner, game night, and watching a show with Father Anthony, SPO-KC Chaplain.

CityWide Worship: 2nd Sundays (Feb. 10), 4:30-5:30pm

Encounter Christ through praise and worship, pray together, and intercede for all of Kansas City across our broader community.

Safe Environment Information

The Diocese of Kansas City~St. 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, Jenifer Valenti**, JeniferValenti@att.net or 816-812-2500, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph.

The diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact **Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain**, at chastain@diocesekcsj.org or 816-392-0011 for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

Joan Sandford, Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, safety@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x202, or

Kathy O'Sullivan, School Safe Environment Coordinator, osullivan_kathy@stmcyclones.org or 942-5581.

Mass Intentions

Mon:	9:00AM Paul Park†
1/21	
Tues:	6:15AM Garry Wright†
1/22	8:15AM Walter Thum†
Wed:	6:15AM Anne Barth†
1/23	8:15AM John Walton†
Thur:	6:15AM David Rettenmaier†
1/24	8:15AM Helen Koncak†
Fri:	6:15AM Jackque Curry†
1/25	8:15AM Dec'd members of Palmentere family†
Sat:	8:15AM Kathleen Effertz†
1/26	4:00PM Bob Cunningham†
Sun:	7:30AM Thomas Fahey†
1/27	9:30AM William J Waris†
	11:30AM Thomas Sweeny†
	5:00PM Parishioners of Saint Thomas More
† Deceased	*All School Mass

The rosary is prayed in the Church after every 8:15am Mass, Monday through Friday.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the daily readings, visit usccb.org/bible/reading. Have the readings sent to your email each day, hear the readings read to you, or watch a video with a reflection based on the readings.