



ST. THOMAS MORE
PARISH

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

January 13, 2019

www.stmkc.com

11822 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131

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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.



THE 24TH ANNUAL ST THOMAS MORE AUCTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Jockeys & Juleps

LETS DINE, DANCE AND DERBY

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Visit stmauction.org to:

- » Purchase tickets
- » Donate an Auction item
- » Make a monetary donation

See more information on page 7.



SUPPORT

THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

NEXT WEEKEND

the Pastor's Pen



Faithful People of Saint Thomas More,



This past Monday, I joined a handful of STM parishioners at to help serve meals and to get a look at the newly remodeled (and renamed) One City Cafe at Saint James Food Kitchen on Troost. STM assists

monthly with this ministry, and I remain grateful for those parishioners who commit themselves to this corporal work of mercy.

This Wednesday evening, I and 92 pilgrims - including several of us from STM - will journey to the March for Life in Washington DC. I and the students who will be attending will be prayed over at this Wednesday's School Mass, that our travels might deepen with us a sense of appreciation for the gift of life, and a zeal to protect it in all of its seasons.

This Friday also begins the week of prayer for Christian unity, an ongoing responsibility for all who bear the name of Christ. When we are tempted to allow disintegration become the norm in our world - or in the church - let us remember that Jesus' prayer to His Father and ours was that we, his disciples, might be one. May we repent of those attitudes that foster needless division, and joyfully bear the mantle of building and sustaining relationships in the life of the Church.

Lastly, a word of thanks to those who have made a contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. STM has thus far reached 85% of its goal in pledges to support diocesan ministries. If you have not yet offered a gift, I invite you to join me and hundreds of our STM parishioners who have shown their support. Our community's generous investment in the ministries of our diocese continues to be a source of pride.

Father Justin

Reflection

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things, someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?

~ 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

609 households (36%) pledged \$1,814,366 by 1/9/19

STM Capital Campaign

An additional \$49,705 has been pledged for 2019

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Goal: \$175,000 (for STM alone) as of 1/2/19

245 households pledged \$148,163 (85% of goal)

Diocesan total: 4,584 pledged \$1,545,078 (77% of goal)

Stewardship Corner

Reflection

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced his special favor.

Whenever we partake of the body and blood of Christ, heed his call in our daily lives, share his Good News, become instruments of his transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces his special favor on us as well.

A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

~ *International Catholic Stewardship Council*

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next 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.

November Financials

Regular - \$248,717.13

Plate - \$3,589.54

Facilities - \$6,427.66

School - \$2,467.00

Capital Campaign - \$3,0330.05

Thanksgiving - \$2,020.30

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:

Alex Arnold
David Baska
Seth Gulsby

John Hylander
Steve Janner
Zach Love

Brian Owara
Alycia Pouch
Nathan Pouch

Patrick Rogers
John P. Sullivan
Andrew Turner

Bryan Van Buskirk
Christopher Yates

...our parishioners who are sick:

Rita Armstrong
Bob Bates
Nancy Brogan
Jim Brooks
Michael Bua
Victor Caruso

Dottie Dick
Dee Giedinghagen
Peggy Hembree
Grace Herrera
Carol Hummel
Jennifer Johnson

Jack Jones
John Kohn
Margaret Kohn
Tom Lillis
Trudy Locke

Joanne Masterson
Erma Menze
Lynn Nelson
Mary Alice Nicholson
Young Park

Dolores Rabuse
Teresa Roos
Sam Snider
Cathy Ustic
Walt Walker

...our family and friends who are sick:

Pam Barthol
Jessie Carpenter
Dan Cowan
Liz Donaldson

Lorraine Green
Kevin Isom
Jaxson Keith
Greg Larm

Mary Latela
Kathy Palla
Pam Pinkerton
Mike Price

Robin Price
Carol Remmers
Eleanor Remmers
Liz Root

Melissa Schmiedeler
Dianne Sell
David Wagner
Glennon Winter

...our family and friends who are hospitalized:

St. Luke's South: Paul Dmitruk

...our family and friends who have died:

Jeanne Hopfinger

STM School

816-942-5581 STMKC.COM/SCHOOL



Interested in learning more about STM School?

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



We welcome Mr. Peter Gaskill to our STM family! He is our new 7th grade World Geography and 8th grade U.S. History teacher. We are excited to have him join our Junior High team!

4th Annual 6th Grade Shoe Drive

Ends Friday, January 18

Please bring any old athletic shoes you would normally throw away and drop them in the designated trash cans by the school office. The shoes will be taken to a recycling plant to be ground up into tracks, turfs, playground surfaces, etc. **Old athletic shoes only!**

Did you know.....

....technology in the classroom helps incorporate different learning styles by increasing connectivity between students and teachers? Technology in education can help teachers modify lesson plans to better suit each child's learning capabilities. The flexibility and innovation provided by technology allows teachers to provide a more tailored learning experience for each child, improving the overall student relationship with learning. 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!

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.

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 the school buy needed supplies and fund different efforts through Home & School to benefit the school. Our goal this year is \$1,400 and we ask everyone to help us reach that goal!

Box Tops can be turned in to the school or parish office or placed in the top, right drawer of the dresser in the narthex.

STM-for-All Fundraisers

Waterway Car Wash Coupons

Available now through January 16

Coupons are good at any Waterway in the KC area. The cost is \$18, the usual cost of a full service car wash, and

STM-for-All/BMA Foundation receives 50% back. They do not expire and can be applied to a more expensive wash. Email Elisa Pomianek at pomianekfam@gmail.com.

Future Fundraisers for STM-for-All/BMA Foundation

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

Summer Cyclones Summer Camp

Last year's summer camp at Saint Thomas More was a huge success and Director Hope Metzgar is ready to go again! Summer Cyclones provides a safe, caring, faith-based environment where students entering kindergarten through completing 7th grade have an opportunity to learn skills for life.

The camp is offered **Tuesday, May 28 through Friday, August 2, 7am-6pm**. This year's theme is "Exploring God's Creation." Costs per child are: non-refundable \$100 one-time activity fee plus \$180/week for 5 days, \$130/week for 3 days, \$85/week for 2 days, or \$50/week for 1 day. For more information or to register, please visit stmkc.com or email Hope at hope@stmkc.com.

Faith in Action

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

dbutel@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x210

Right to Life Prayer Vigil

Friday, January 18, noon-1pm

In remembrance of the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court abortion decision, please join pastors, ecumenical groups and those working in the pro-life movement to pray for the unborn and their mothers, those considering suicide, as well as those traveling to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The prayer vigil will take place across the street from The Federal Courthouse, 400 E 9th, KCMO.

For those interested, the Catholic Center, 20 West 9th Street, is having a gathering at 11:15am in the Cardinal Baum Room. This is just a few blocks west of the Prayer Vigil location. They will then process up 9th Street to the Prayer Vigil. Parking is available.

Food Pantry at First Baptist Church

Saturday, January 19

The First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Red Bridge and Wornall Roads, is the location of the Red Bridge Food Pantry. It is open from 9-11am. If finances are tight and you need help with food, call 913-313-0250 to set up an appointment. You must bring a current utility bill when you pick up the food. A portion of our monthly food drive goes to this food pantry to help feed those who are food insecure in south Kansas City.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Mondays to stock the shelves. If you would like to help, please call Sue Hansen at 816-942-1334.

COMMUNITIES OF SALT AND LIGHT

"Our parish communities are measured by how they serve "the least of these" in our parish and beyond its boundaries – the hungry, the homeless, the sick, those in prison, the stranger (cf. Mt. 25:31). Our local families of faith are called to "hunger and thirst for justice" and to be "peacemakers" in our own communities (Mt. 5:6, 9). A parish cannot really proclaim the gospel if its message is not reflected in its own community life. The biblical call to charity, justice, and peace claims not only each believer, but also each community where believers gather for worship, formation, and pastoral care" (U.S. Bishops, 1993).

Catholic Charities Thank You

Due to the generous support of parishioners throughout the diocese, Catholic Charities was able to help 700 children through their Christmas Shining Star program. The support and thoughtfulness put a smile on many faces. If you would like to help support their programs and help people in need, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

Accompaniment Training to Support Immigrants

Saturday, January 19, 9-11am

Accompaniment is advocacy without confrontation, a way community members can stand in solidarity with people during immigration hearings and check-ins with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Accompaniment reduces the likelihood of detention and allows for a witness during important legal interactions. The brief, 2-hour training prepares volunteers for their roles and various scenarios. Second language skills aren't required. To learn more about accompaniment, why it is needed, what it requires, and how you can be involved, you are invited to participate in this free training at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4501 Walnut St., KCMO 64111. For more information, contact: Diana at 913-229-6183 or info@airrk.org. The training is sponsored by Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation.

Care & Support

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

dbutel@stmkc.com or 942-2492 x210

Grief Support Group at Saint Thomas More

Monday, January 14, 6:30-8pm

Ascend Hospice and Saint Thomas More parish are hosting a monthly grief support group on the second Monday of every month. This group 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 will meet in the parish office living room. For more information, contact Maureen Kelly, Bereavement Coordinator at Ascend Hospice, 816-421-9924 or Maureen.Kelly@ascendhealth.com, or David Butel, 816-942-2492 x210 or dbutel@stmkc.com.

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.

STM Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 13

Roses for Life with Knights of Columbus
Edge (grades 6-8), 3-4:30pm, The Peak
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30-5pm, Nursery
LifeTeen (grades 9-12), 6-7:30pm, The Peak

Monday, January 14

After School Hangout, 3:15-4:30pm, The Peak
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, More Hall D
Auction mtg., 6pm, More Hall C
SPRED mtg., 6:30-8:30pm, Bauman & Huhmann Rooms
Grief Support Group, 6:30-8pm, Parish Office
Bible Timeline, 7-8:30pm, More Hall A

Tuesday, January 15

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

Wednesday, January 16

Uplift Cooking, 1-3pm, More Hall Kitchen
After School Hangout, 3:15-4:30pm, The Peak
School of Religion, 6-7:10pm, More Hall A

Thursday, January 17

March for Life group travels to Washington D.C.
More Friends Bingo & Potluck, 5pm, More Hall C/D
RCIA, 7-8:30pm, More Hall A

Friday, January 18

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

Saturday, January 19 - Sabbath Weekend

Sabbath Weekend

Sunday, January 20 - Sabbath Weekend

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

Events with STM

More Friends (for parishioners 55+)

Thursday, January 17, 5pm, More Hall

Join More Friends for bingo and potluck. The doors open at 4:30pm. Bingo cards are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Cash prizes! Bring your favorite dish and there will be a cash bar.

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

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

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.**

Weight Watchers

Mondays, 5:30pm, More Hall

Would you like to learn how to be healthier and/or lose weight in 2019? Join our great group for a Weight Watchers workshop. Weigh in starts at 5:30 and the 30 minute meeting starts at 6pm.

We have an amazing promotion going through January 14. When you lose ten pounds in your first two months, WW's will give you two months of fees back. That's a \$90 value. You are always welcome to come and sit in a meeting for free to see if it's a good fit for you. Questions, please email Liz Hovelsrud, Wellness Coach at Elizabeth.a.hovelsru@weightwatchers.com.

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.

Bulletin Board

Full-Time Job Available - The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph has an opening for a full-time Director of Hispanic Ministry. This position promotes the full participation and integration of Hispanics in the life of the Church, and will collaborate with other chancery offices to provide consultation, expertise and support to parishes, schools and other apostolates. For more information or to apply, go to diocese-kcsj.org.

Trash Bags Available - The Cub Scouts continue to sell trash bags of various sizes. The cost is \$11 per roll. To order a roll or two, call or text Forrest Roudebush at 816-805-8999.

THE 24TH ANNUAL ST THOMAS MORE AUCTION COMMITTEE PRESENTS



Jockeys & Juleps

LETS DINE, DANCE AND DERBY

Featured Items

- Kate Spade backpack
- Trip to Los Establos Panama
- Reserved Easter Mass pew
- Wilderness Club at Big Cedar
- Missouri game and tailgate with Father Gabe
- Pizza for a year
- Hamilton tickets

The Evening:

6:00 Cocktails & Silent Auction
 7:00 Blessing followed by dinner
 8:15 Introduction by Chris & Angela Sweeny,
 Fund-A-Need Presentation,
 Donation Appeal,
 Live Auction to commence,
 9:30 Silent Auction closes
 10:00 Dancing to DJ
 Derby appropriate attire welcome!

Event Tickets:

Tickets are \$65/ person. You may reserve as an individual, couple or purchase a table of 10. Event tickets are available online at stmauction.org, at the school office or by mailing back your RSVP card.

Please contact Mindy Clarke mindyclarke@me.com for table assignment requests or questions.

Don't forget to RSVP:

Don't wait to start finding your hats, bowties and table mates. You can RSVP early on stmauction.org! Get ready to Dine, Dance & Derby - This is always such a fun way to raise money for our parish and enjoy great food drinks and fellowship with your friends and family!

Unable to Attend?:

Unable to attend the main celebration this year, but still want to support STM? You will have the option to bid from your computer or mobile device (ipad, itouch, smartphone) on all silent auction items.

Please visit stmauction.org and register to bid in the upper right corner. You will then receive a link once the event goes live.

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 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.

Fund-a-Need



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.

January 14-15 Topic: Return - Ezra; Nehemiah

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.



Lighthouse Media

Lighthouse materials are found on the north side of the narthex. There is a box in the display stand for donations. CDs (and other items) are located in the narthex. Kindly donate \$4 each, or make checks payable to STM. Please consider sharing your CD once you've listened to it.

Theology of Your Body:

Identity, Sexuality, Gender, and the Body

The realities of masculinity, femininity, and gender, and the relation of these to our identity, are being questioned like never before. Jason Evert, internationally-known Catholic speaker and author, leads the discussion beyond feelings to help us embrace an integrated understanding of the truth of our identity. Speaking the truth in love, he shows how the recognition of what our biology reveals helps us to understand who God created us to be and accompany others on their life's journey.

Listener Comments

Such an informative talk! ~ Eileen - Phoenix, AZ
This is the most profound explanation I've heard on this pervasive topic. ~ Mary - Fort Worth, TX

Other Opportunities

First 5: A Firm Foundation for Marriage

Monday, January 16, 7:30pm - Topic: Communication
This ministry supports engaged and newly married

couples in their first five years of marriage. Couples connect as they grow in their faith and marriage through fellowship, prayer, and discussions on topics relevant to the first five years of marriage.

For a reservation and directions, call 913-575-1776 or email contact@ourfirst5.org. If you would like to be added to the email list for future events, please email cathy@ourfirst5.org. There is no commitment; join in!

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.

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.

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@scsls.org; call 913-758-6552; or visit marillaccenter.org.

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

Holy Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday, January 13, 3-4:15pm

Meet at Saint Mary/Saint Anthony Church, 615 N 7th Street, KC, KS 66101 to pray the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the Rosary, followed by Benediction and the opportunity to enroll in the Brown Scapular. For driving instructions or future dates for the monthly Rosary rallies, please visit rosaryrallieskc.org.

Cardinal Peter Turkson: The Plight of Today's Refugees

Thursday, January 17, 7:30pm, Rockhurst University

The Catholic Church's foremost expert on human rights will explore the current migration crisis and its ramifications for people across the world as the guest of Rockhurst University's Visiting Scholar Lecture Series in Arupe Hall Auditorium.

Cardinal Turkson will address the role of the Roman Catholic Church in helping ease the current refugee crisis, which has caused political turmoil and suffering for countless people throughout the world.

Email cynthia.cartwright@rockhurst.edu or call 816-501-4828 to register. Free parking is available in the garage at 52nd and Troost Ave. and in lots accessed by the campus entrance at 54th and Troost.

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.

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.

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.

Young Adults

kansascityonahill.org or 816-714-2397

Tuesdays at the Boulevard: Young Adult Mass

3rd Tuesdays (January 15)

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 (Jan. 13), 4:30-5:30pm

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

A Retreat for College Students by College Students

January 25-26 (Friday, 4pm-Saturday, 2:30pm)

Join other area college students to explore together how to live more mindfully and peacefully amidst the stresses of your college years. "Fully Awake & Truly Alive" is a great opportunity to laugh, rest, share and connect with God and others. The fee of \$35 includes meals, room and supplies. Scholarships available. Register **by Friday, January 18**. For more information or to register, contact Mary Kay Whitacre, D.Min, at mkwhitacre@mountosb.org. The retreat will be held at the Sophia Spirituality Center in Atchison, KS. For more information, visit sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

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

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| Mon: | 6:15AM Bernice Dornhoffer [†] |
| 1/14 | 8:15AM Chuck Barthol [†] |
| Tues: | 6:15AM Alena Gretencord [†] |
| 1/15 | 8:15AM Tom Sobbe [†] |
| Wed: | 6:15AM Georgia Gerling [†] |
| 1/16 | 8:15AM Mick McEnany [†] |
| Thur: | 6:15AM Jack McCarthy [†] |
| 1/17 | *8:15AM Moe Courville [†] |
| Fri: | 6:15AM Gary Rader [†] |
| 1/18 | 8:15AM Mike Kleinman [†] |
| Sat: | 8:15AM Dick Donaldson [†] |
| 1/19 | 4:00PM Fred Hess [†] |
| Sun: | 7:30AM Helen Molinaro [†] |
| 1/20 | 9:30AM Thomas Hodes [†] |
| | 11:30AM Viola Fowler [†] |
| | 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.