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GLORY TO THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT;



TO GOD WHO IS, WHO WAS, AND WHO IS TO COME.

A Letter From Our Pastor

Unity Time

I hope your Lent and Easter seasons were uplifting, refreshing, and left a lasting impact. We have celebrated His sacrifice, resurrection, ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit. If the depths of God's love for us and His magnificence haven't dazzled you yet, then may our celebration of the Trinity today and Corpus Christi next week reach you.



As we enter Ordinary Time, realize it is anything but ordinary. It's the time we are called to put it fully together and live His message completely. And one key part of His message is that we must be UNIFIED:

"...that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (Jn 17:22-23)

St. Paul gives us a similar warning in our second reading today:

"Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."

These readings remind us that the only way we will accomplish our commission to build the Kingdom is by making Christ known to those we encounter—and that requires us to work together as one, just as Jesus prays and instructs. It is essential that we build a vibrant, unified community that forms and inspires our youth in God's Truth, protects them from the falsehoods of the world, and reaches out to those who have lost their way.

Our recent festival weekend was a strong witness to what unity can accomplish. When we come together in this way, it produces real joy and becomes a living sign of our parish family. Thank you to Conner and Amy Uffman, our booth chairs, volunteers, cooks, and all those working quietly behind the scenes who helped create such a memorable celebration for our children, grandchildren, and the entire community. It truly reflects the spirit of St. Thomas More.

For those wondering, we grossed nearly \$350,000. Net profit will be much less, but that figure reflects remarkable effort—especially with Friday night's challenging weather. As the Benedictines remind us: "Work as if everything depends on you; pray as though everything depends on God." Well done, folks! *Thanks God!*

As we continue together in the life and mission of our parish this summer, please join me in welcoming Ryan Gaudet, our summer seminarian, who will be with us during June and July. He will be participating in parish life, liturgies, and pastoral ministry as he continues his formation and discernment for the priesthood.

Blessed be God, alive among us!


Fr. Eddie



G.A.L.S. MINISTRY

GIVE A LITTLE **SERVICE** 

*Faith. Friendship.
Food. Fun.
That's What We Do!* 

If you've ever thought, "I want to serve... but I don't want to sign my life away," then I'm talking to you. 



G.A.L.S. Ministry is a group of women doing what women have always done best: showing up, feeding people, praying together, and building community—without the pressure, guilt, or burnout.

We serve our parish and the wider community in small, meaningful ways that actually fit real life.

HERE'S WHAT WE DO (AND LOVE TO DO!):



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EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING KITS

We kick off the year helping families keep Catholic traditions alive at home.



ANGEL TREE

We support families in our community during Advent with gifts, love, and prayers.



MEAL TRAINS

We organize meals for new moms, families recovering from surgery, or anyone who just needs a hot meal and a reminder they're not alone.



CHRISTMAS PARENTS' NIGHT OFF

Because sometimes the holiest thing you can give a parent is two hours of peace.



SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

We cook and serve meals at local shelters like Bishop Ott and St. Agnes.




YOUTH EVENTS (AND TREATS!)




Pizza and Praise, pancake breakfasts, baked treats, and other fun events to support and encourage our youth.



WE ALSO PRAY.

Bible study, fellowship, and growing in faith together are part of who we are. 

And here's the best part:

-  You don't have to do everything.
-  You don't have to do it perfectly.
-  You just have to be willing.

Some of us cook.

Some of us organize.

Some of us show up with store-bought cookies—and guess what?

That still counts. 




SCAN ME!




If you're looking for friendship, purpose, and a way to serve that feels joyful instead of exhausting,

G.A.L.S. Ministry (Give a Little Service) would love to have you.

Come join us. We'll save you a seat—and probably some leftovers. 

Want to learn more or sign up to help? Scan the QR code!

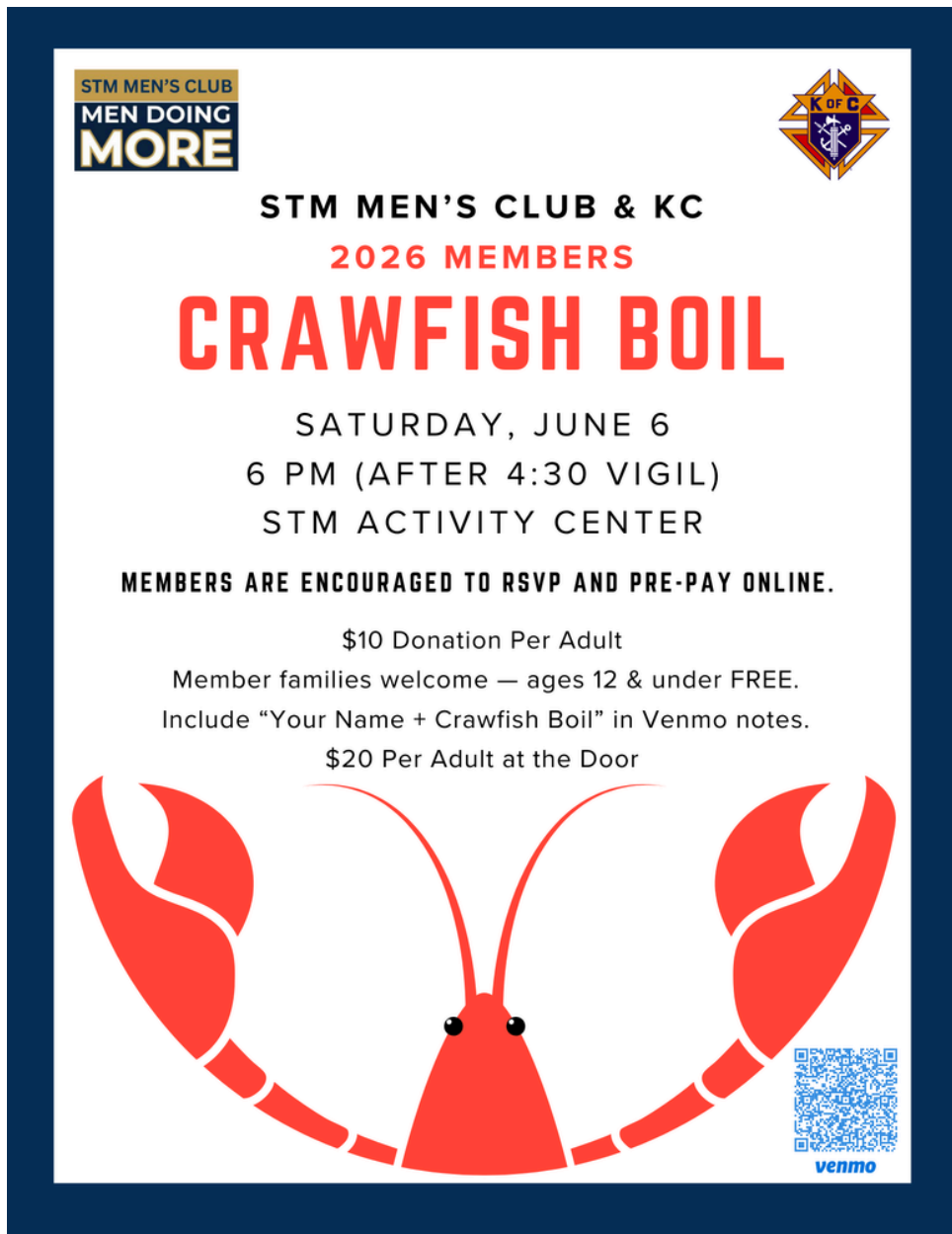
Come see us in the back of the church, we would love to chat! 

The Book of Mass Intentions is now open for July through December.


Parishioners may schedule Mass intentions (for the living or deceased), memorial Sanctuary Lights, and flower donations in memory of loved ones or for special intentions. Forms are available on the church website or in the church office.

Each parish household may schedule up to five (5) Mass intentions: three (3) weekend and two (2) weekday. The Mass intention stipend is \$5 per Mass. Sanctuary Lights are \$20 per week. Flowers under the crucifix are \$125, and flowers in front of the ambo are \$75. Checks should be made payable to STM Church.

Intentions are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis in the order in which completed request forms are received in the church office.



STM MEN'S CLUB
MEN DOING MORE

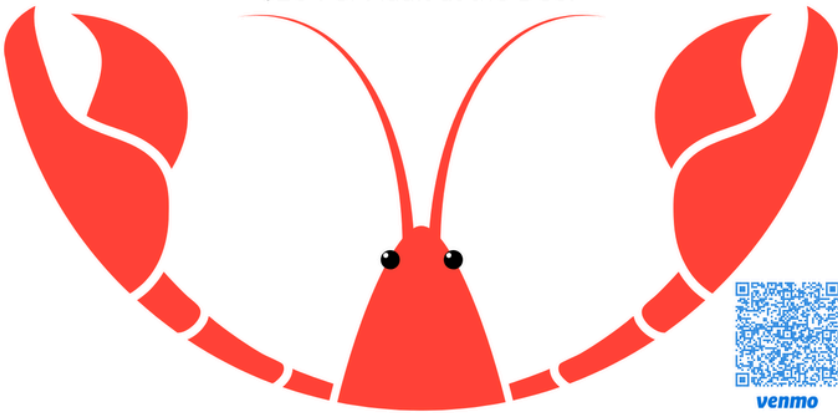



STM MEN'S CLUB & KC
2026 MEMBERS
CRAWFISH BOIL

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
6 PM (AFTER 4:30 VIGIL)
STM ACTIVITY CENTER

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RSVP AND PRE-PAY ONLINE.

\$10 Donation Per Adult
Member families welcome — ages 12 & under FREE.
Include "Your Name + Crawfish Boil" in Venmo notes.
\$20 Per Adult at the Door

FLOWER DONATION

For the weekend of June 6–7, the altar flowers before the ambo and beneath the crucifix are donated by Adrienne and Mark Callender in honor of the marriage of their son, Andrew Callender, to Dianney Carbajal.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Clayton Callender the week of May 31, as requested by Adrienne and Mark Callender.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Jun. 2 - 6 p.m.: Rose Mary Millet, Jerry Cronin, Agnes Sillinger, Baby Fischer

Wednesday, Jun. 3 - 12 p.m.: James Stiglets

Thursday, Jun. 4 - 8:45 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention: Clement and Wale Families

Friday, Jun. 5 - 12 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Jun. 6 - 4:30 p.m.: Carolyn Perrault, Ernest Bonaccorso Jr., Frank DePaula, Helen Fox, Joseph B. Richard Sr., Lynn Smith, Calvin Bajon, Bobby Foulks

Sunday, Jun. 7 - 8 a.m.: Mary Lois and Lester Graves; **10 a.m.:** Mickey Deville; **5 p.m.:** STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Kindly remember in your prayers the following individuals who are seriously ill: Louis LaBauve, Becky Cline, Tim Bonnin, Joe Bonnin

PRAYER LINE FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225.978.1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to kennyshar69@att.net.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: Capt. Austin Starks, PFC Alyssa Richardson, SSG Brian Edwards, SPC Havyn Henley, PO3 Tytan Henley, MAJ Nate Conlon, MASA Landry Helmke, E-5 David Meyers, SGT Nicholas Lee, SSgt Carlos Burn, CPO John W. Arceneaux (Add/edit: receptionist@stmbr.org.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15-19, 2026

9 AM - 12 PM

FOR AGES K-4TH

JUNIOR HELPERS: 5TH AND UP

**WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS!

DETAILS:

[STMBR.ORG/NEWS/VBS](https://stmbr.org/news/vbs)

REGISTER NOW!

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We also invite the entire parish to get involved. Please consider signing up to donate snacks or help us decorate as we transform the campus into a vibrant rainforest adventure. A volunteer sign-up link can be found at stmbr.org/news/vbs or use the QR code provided.

Families interested in the parish Scouting program are invited to stop by the church doors after Masses next weekend, June 6-7, to meet Scout leaders, learn about Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA, and hear about upcoming summer activities and events.



Cub Scouts: Boys and girls entering kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend free summer events and get to know Pack 228.

Scouts BSA: Troop 229 welcomes students, boys and girls, entering 5th-8th grade for adventure, friendship, outdoor activities, and leadership development. Youth interested in camping, hiking, fishing, swimming, rock climbing, wilderness survival, and more are encouraged to join. For more information or to sign up, contact fontenotm@stmbr.org.

Youth Faith Formation

PSR registration for parish youth not attending Catholic school opens June 1. Grades 1-5 participate in a home-based program supporting parents as primary faith teachers; grades 6+ participate in on-campus Confirmation prep. stmbr.org/news/psr

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation for rising second graders also opens June 1 for 2026-2027. Eligible students must have participated in Catholic school or PSR for at least two years. Preparation is home-based through the family's registered parish. stmbr.org/news/sac-prep-reg

Registration for Fall 2026 Confirmation for students entering grades 7-8 is now open. A mandatory parent meeting will be held July 26, 2026; at least one parent must attend. stmbr.org/news/confirmation

Parish Youth Invited to Join Altar Server Ministry

St. Thomas More welcomes all parish and school students, boys and girls, in 4th grade and above who are baptized Catholics to serve as altar servers. This is a rewarding way for young people to deepen their faith while actively supporting the parish community.

Why Join?

Active Participation: Assist the priests and deacons during Sunday parish liturgies and/or weekday school Masses.

Character Building: Develop valuable life skills, including responsibility, reverence, and teamwork.

Spiritual Growth: Gain a deeper understanding of the Mass and strengthen a personal connection to the Church.

Training Pathways

We offer two options:

Option 1: Summer Serving

For students eager to train immediately and begin serving at regular parish Masses this summer.

Option 2: Fall/School Year Serving

For students who prefer to serve primarily during the school year. Additional training sessions will be held at the end of the summer.

Registration link found at stmbr.org/news/altar-server

*Current altar servers who would like additional training are also encouraged to complete the registration form.

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Permanent Deacon

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The parish family is joyfully invited to a special celebration at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 7.

We give thanks to God for James Vu, a parishioner of STM, who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on May 30. Father James will return to his home parish to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at STM.



This is a moment of great joy for our parish as we rejoice in his vocation and accompany him with our prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.

A reception will follow the Mass in the Activity Center.

All are warmly invited to attend.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In a caring environment dedicated to celebrating the Catholic faith and modeling the life of Jesus Christ, St. Thomas More Church provides worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the spiritual growth of the parish family.

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STM website: stmbr.org



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Sign up for the e-newsletter on our parish website, under Links/Resources



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Office Hours: Mon.- Thurs.: 8 am - 12 pm and 1 - 5 pm; Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 pm

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 6:00 pm; Wednesday: 12 noon (Rosary @ 11:30 am)
Thursday: 8:45 am; Friday: 12 noon (6 pm during Lent)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil; Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays of Lent from 5:00 - 5:45 pm; Wednesdays from 11:15 - 11:45 am
Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30 am; Saturdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm
- and by appointment -

Emergencies After Hours:

Please call 225.275.3940 and follow voicemail instructions