



What happens to sacramental records? I was baptized at St. Catherine's, so how would I get a record of that or any other sacrament I celebrated?

Usually, the new parish absorbing the boundaries and campus will take hold of the records. However, the diocese has begun a new procedure and will itself take hold of all sacramental records from a closed community, not St. Thomas More.

After April 29, 2023, parishioners may call the Diocesan Archivist - Dr. Zach Daughtrey (daughtrey@diocesekcsj.org or 816-714-2365) - for a copy of their baptismal certificate, or information about other sacraments celebrated at St. Catherine's.

Will we have to "clean out" the Church or Offices before April 29th?

No. Because it has yet to be determined how the campus will be utilized after April 29th (read: other Catholic entities have expressed interest in the property), there is no urgency to make changes if a new community will still seek to utilize so much of what is already here.

Will items in the Church end up in new parishes?

Possibly. St. Thomas More takes responsibility for the parish goods after April. Whether goods end up in new parishes depends on numerous factors including whether new groups using our property desire them to remain here, what new parishes our people belong to, and whether new communities/pastors want to receive and can use items.

Will ministries or events still happen on campus past April 29th?

Possibly. We have rentals for both the gym and Ruysser Hall on the books through the Fall of 2023, and we are seeking to honor those. We are seeking clarification about how and if other offerings are also possible.

That said, I have questions about...

The Food Pantry. Will it remain open?

Unsure. St. Thomas More provides a monthly collection of food to both Seton Center and a food pantry located in Red Bridge.

Our Assistance to the Poor. How will people living in our boundaries who are in need (food, rental or utility assistance) be helped?

St. Thomas More will begin handling those requests after April.

The Knights of Columbus Council. What happens to it?

Fr. Justin has already spoken with the Grand Knight about options. Those are being explored, and more details will be provided.

SPRED?

Fr. Justin has spoken with Carol, who facilitates the gatherings with our friends. Their annual sessions conclude in March and begin in September, so there will be no immediate disruption to their gatherings. There is a very active SPRED group at St. Thomas More, and there are members from St. Catherine's who have participated in their offerings already. Exploration is needed over whether there are obstacles for those at St. Catherine's to travel to St. Thomas More.