

St. Thomas More Parish

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2024 STM Intercultural Festival

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St. Thomas More Intercultural Commission

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and come to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit enabled them..."

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Dear STM Families and Parishioners.

Warmest greetings from St. Thomas More School and Parish! Cultural diversity is allowing and encouraging the GIFTS OF CULTURE to enrich the lives of our school and parish community. We are pleased to announce that St. Thomas More Parish and School we will be hosting an Intercultural Festival with the purpose of honoring, celebrating, and acknowledging the richness of its cultural diversity. Our school and parish together have more than 1,000 members from diverse ethnic backgrounds.

We would like to invite you to join our St. Thomas More Intercultural Festival on Sunday, May 19, 2024. STM Families and Parishioners are encouraged to wear traditional cultural clothing. There will be a variety of food and merchandise vendors, face painting, children's activities, music, and cultural performances from 11:00 AM to 6 PM to showcase the magnificence of our diverse cultures. Please join us for a fun-filled day of music and live entertainment!

Raffle tickets are sold for \$10 a ticket, The First Prize is a cash prize of \$750. Second Prize is \$500, and the Third Prize is \$250. We will be distributing booklets of raffle tickets to sell or purchase after Mass so you can invite your family and friends to join in the fun. For STMS families who sell tickets, 20% of their total ticket sales will count towards their fundraising commitment. While it is voluntary, we encourage all families to participate to help support our school and parish community.

Please submit the ticket stubs in the original envelope with a check or cash as soon as possible beginning this month. You may drop your ticket stubs at the Parish Office or in the collection baskets. Please make sure each ticket stub has all the contact information and payment. All ticket stubs are due by 2pm on May 19, 2024 (on the day of the festival) to qualify for the drawing. Cash or checks are accepted. Please make your check payable to St. Thomas More Intercultural Commission (STM ICC). All proceeds help to support the St. Thomas More School and Parish.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Francesca Abellera at Fbabellera@gmail.com or 206-496-9468. Please join us! We look forward to celebrating with you!

Best Regards,

Francesca Abellera Elizabeth Glaze Father Stephen Okumu Parents Club Volunteer Principal

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