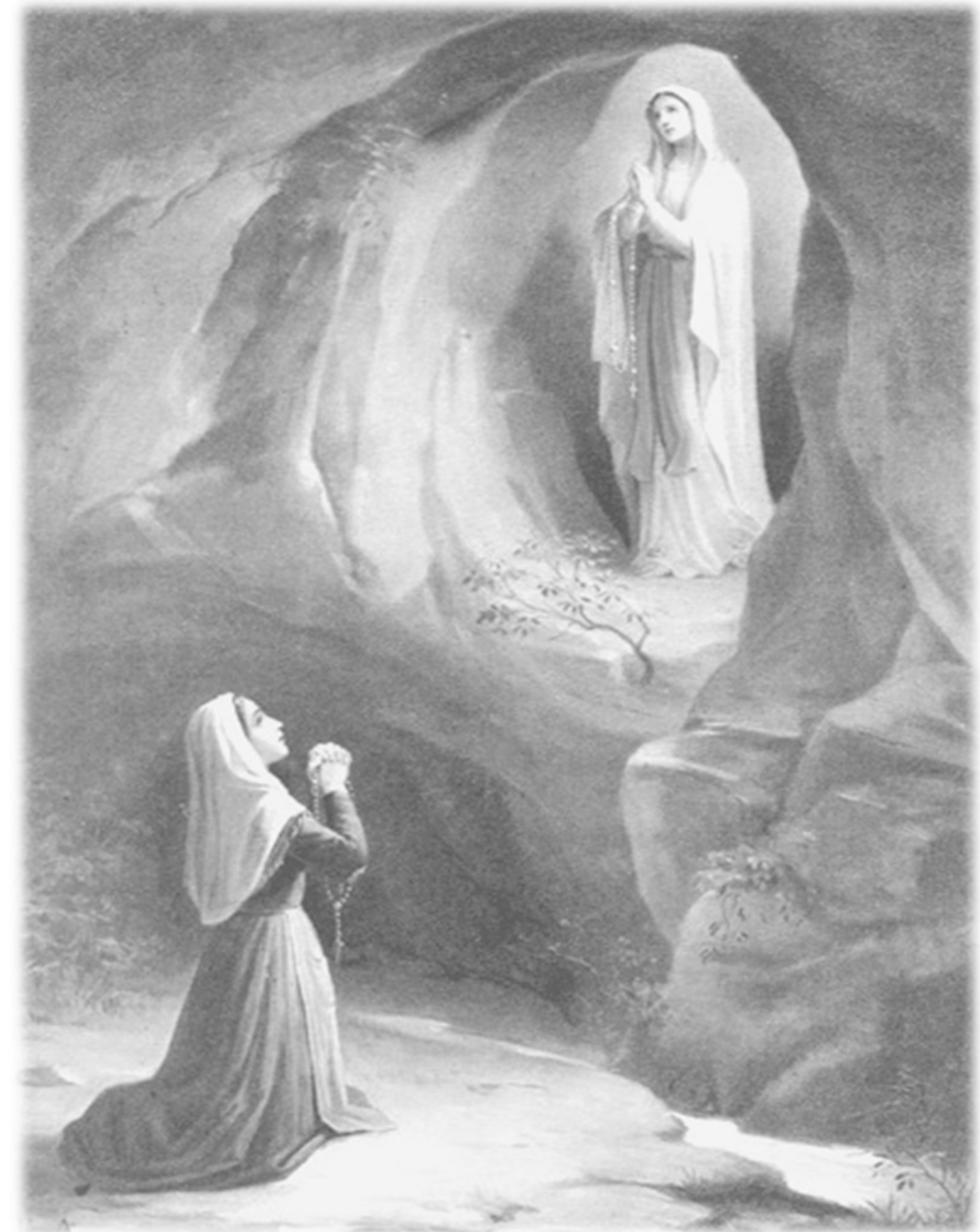


Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

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Fr. Adam Haake, Pastor
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Daily Mass: 12:00 Wednesday
Confession: Sat. 3:00 PM

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Readings: [Jeremiah 23:1-16](#) [Psalms 23:1-6](#) [Ephesians 2:13-18](#) [Mark 6:30-34](#)

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see [Ezekiel 34:23](#)).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see [Mark 6:39](#)) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see [John 10:11](#)), the king they've been waiting for (see [Hosea 3:1-5](#)).

Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see [Numbers 27:17](#)). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth. Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see [John 10:16](#)).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see [Acts 13:36](#); [Romans 1:16](#)). Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing.

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Consecration to Jesus Through Mary:

Last Wednesday we began our preparation with Fr. Michael Gaitley's DVD series on **Consecration to Jesus Through Mary**, which accompanies his book, **33 Days to Morning Glory**. It is not too late to join us. We encourage everyone who does not already have this book, to purchase it and be ready to begin our 33 days of preparation on the following Wednesday, July 14. Each Wednesday, we will begin reading a new chapter in the book on our own, and **Feed Your Faith** will show Fr. Michael Gaitley's introduction to that new chapter on Wednesday nights. Then, our parish will come together for a special Mass and profession of our individual Consecration to Mary on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption. We hope that, especially after having consecrated ourselves to St. Joseph this year, we will grow deeper in our devotion to Jesus by learning how to become saints with the invaluable help of His human parents. Join in by sending an e-mail to sistersinjesusthelord@gmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT ~ July 23-25

Since 2011 in our area, women and men experiencing the pain of a past abortion decision have found physical, emotional, and spiritual healing through the safe and confidential weekend retreats offered through Rachel's Vineyard. For addition information, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. To learn more about upcoming local retreats, please call 816.679.4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com.

Pray for the following Parishioners:

Karen Arredondo; The Brooks Family; Margot Browne; Margaret Curry; Peggy DeMoss; Grace Diaz; Sharon Derkits; Karen Foster; Patty Gemmill; **Greta Hauer**; Dottie Hays; Dolores Hopfinger; Richard Hombeck; Mary Hugunin; **Lyndsey Jarquio**; Regina Jones; Pat Kilgore; Dorothy Klote; Tom & Doris Mauer; Sylvia Mooney; Lorraine Powers; James & JoAnn Rouchka; Catherine Schroder; Kathy Sommer; Cynthia Todd; Theresa Tholl; Joann Walsh; Steve & Jocelyn Webb; Louise Weber; James Westhusing;; Lisa Witte; Sheila & Pete Zegers

Contact the parish office at 816-353-2380 to add or remove names from our prayer list. Bold = Newly added

Continue to Pray for the following Family & Friends

Phillip Beck; Ben Bongers (friend to Marie Bowman); Bill Briggs; Emma Brown; Audrey Casassa; Michael Crews; Margaret Dale; Eric Davis; Barbara Fightmaster (sister-in-law to Regina Jones); Marcia Felici; Georgia Gerling; Peter Graeff; Maria Gutierrez (Niece to Pricilla Moran); Ryan Hancock; Shirley Hill; Amy Jesactis; Bonnie Jones; Michelle Kaiser; Kathy & Don Lee; Richard Lorimer; Crescentia Luetkemeyer (Friend to Cindy Sweetland); Lana Martinez; Wesley Maull (brother of Karen Arredondo); **Bob Slusher**; Clyde Styron (Father to friend); Vicky Wright (Sister to Patty Vest); Ruby Turner (Mother to Cindy Sweetland); Jim Underwood; Phyllis Weber; David Zegers; Robert Zegers.

Pray for our parishioners' family members serving in the military:

Tyler Griggs, Buck Roberts, Cathy Roberts, Jason Webb, & Troy Fraser

Mass Intentions for the Week

July 17—Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM: The Kiefer Brothers

July 18—Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

11:00 AM: Larry Tholl

July 21—Wednesday ~ 12:00 PM: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

July 24—Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM: Trusted Servants

July 25—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM: L & D members of the Wilczynski family

11:00 AM: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Last Week's Giving to God's Work
Weekend Collection:

July 10th-11th

Total Collections:

\$ 3,679.56

Thank you for your contributions!

Adoration: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

9:00 AM—8:00 PM



First Saturday Communions of Reparation & Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

August 7, 2021

Visitation

5141 Main Street
Kansas City, MO. 64112

7:30 a.m. ~ Opportunity for Confession

8:15 a.m. ~ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Devotions follow Mass

Our Lord Jesus said to Sister Lucia: "My daughter, the motive is simple - there are 5 ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

OUTPACE POVERTY 2021

This past year has looked quite a bit different for many social and fundraising events. Catholic Charities KCSJ's Outpace Poverty is no exception. The decision was recently made to move OPP to the fall. We encourage you to save the date and plan to help *Outpace Poverty* on **September 18, 2021** when we host a 5K Walk/Fun Run and Family Festival that benefits our work in addressing poverty. We will be back at the beautiful Theis Park and there will also be a virtual opportunity again as well.

Join the 'Lourdes Legacy' team when you register.

Or Contact Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, with questions

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: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.