

St. Mary's Parish

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Father Tom Hawkins, Pastor

Sunday Obligation Mass Times: Saturday, 4:00 pm, Sunday, 10:30 am

Mass or Communion Service: Mon. thru Fri.: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm and after the 4:00 pm Mass, and by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor 9 months prior

Sacrament of Baptism: Registered parishioners call Pastor for class & date

SUFFERING AND INTIMACY

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week. The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps

a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological. All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone. Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1–10 or Jn 12:12–16; Is 50:4–7; Ps 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Phil 2:6–11;
Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]

BEGIN YOUR DAY WITH CHRIST.

*Each morning members of our parish gather to read the scriptures,
pray for the needs of the World and the Church and spend time in quiet meditation.
Because Jesus Christ is in the Mass, it is the most important thing a parish does.*

MASS TIMES, SAINTS DAYS and INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 27 – 4:00pm Centennial of our parish's Knights of Columbus Council

All Knights of Columbus of Mildner Council 2244- Living & Departed

Sunday, March 28 – 10:30am PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION OF THE LORD

Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living & Departed

Monday, March 22 – 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, March 23 – 8:00am

Martha Anderson R.I.P. Michael & Sharon Cirillo

Wednesday, March 24 – 6:00pm in the Evening

Robert Bell R.I.P. by Marty Bell

The Triduum – The Great Three Days

Holy Thursday, April 1 – 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Commemorating the Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist.

Followed by a brief procession representing Jesus going out to the Garden of Gethsemanie.

Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living & Departed

Good Friday, April 2 – 7:00pm Liturgy of the Crucifixion

Commemoration of Christ's Passion and Death on the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3 – 7:30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

A solemn celebration of Salvation History and start of the Easter Season. Lasts @ two hours .

Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living & Departed

Sunday, April 4 – 10:30am Easter Sunday

Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living & Departed

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. March 27 th	Lisa Kuecker Bill Wallpe	Howard Goring	Peggy Singh	Lisa Kuecker & Teri Meyer
Sun. March 28 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Rhonda Smith	Emily Rhoad	Brent & Kathy Cooper
Sat. April 3 rd	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun. April 4 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Karen Schroeder	Rhonda Smith	Bennie & Nancy Spain

LENT REGULATIONS

As a reminder to all Catholics that Lent is a season of repentance the Church requires Catholics to observe Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as days of both Fast and Abstinence. The Law of Abstinence obliges those Catholics the age of 14 and older not to eat any meat in any form. The Law of Fast obliges Catholics who are between the ages of 18 to 60 to limit themselves to one full meal, two light meals and nothing between meals.

SEDER MEAL MARCH 31-6:30pm

We will be having our Seder Meal this year on March 31st 6:30pm. It will be different from years past, but we are following protocols as best as possible due to the COVID restrictions given by the Diocese. All are welcome and the event is free, but we do need a reservation to be made to accommodate with spacing. Please call the office at 660-584-3038.



CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER

ON HOLY SATURDAY

Confessions will be heard on the morning of Holy Saturday at 11am. Lasting for as long as- but only for as long as – persons come into the Confessional. Confessions are also available every Saturday before and after Mass at 4pm and anytime by personal request.

MASS IS AT 7:30PM

THIS COMING SATURDAY

We do not have a 4pm Mass this coming Saturday because it is Holy Saturday. There are no afternoon Masses at any Catholic parish on Holy Saturday. The first Mass of Easter is always an evening Mass preceded by the Easter Vigil. Ours begins with the Easter Vigil at 7:30pm. The Vigil and Mass lasts close to two hours.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

FOR THE HOLY LAND

On Good Friday, April 2, it is customary to take up a collection that will be sent to the Holy Land for support of the Catholic communities and churches in the Holy Land.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of abuse or observe or suspect sexual abuse: Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) 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 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.

DIOCESE SEEKS FEED BACK

ABOUT NEW MAGAZINE

The second issue of the new quarterly “Catholic Key Magazine” should have arrived at your home. The diocese is now seeking feedback. If you have an opinion to offer, write to Ashlie Hand, Editor or Father Ken Riley, Vicar General at The Catholic Center PO Box 419037 Kansas City, MO 64141-6037

Or reach them by telephone at The Catholic Center at 800-246-1850

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

As reported at the March Meeting of St. Mary’s Parish Council – from July 1st 2020 to March 16th 2021 our Parish Income has been \$125,762.

For the same period our Expenses have been \$113,395. For a positive difference of \$12,367.

Thanks to all of our contributors. One of the Precepts of the Church is that each employed adult contribute to the support of the Church in proportion to their means. Thanks to the many members of St. Mary’s who do so.

VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED FOR EASTER

Thanks to Steve Vetter who puts our Sunday Mass on Youtube. Steve will be on vacation with his family and away from the parish on Easter Sunday (April 4) and the following Sunday (April 11) so we would like to find someone able to step in for those two weekends to video and upload either the Saturday or Sunday Mass. Please call Steve at [REDACTED]

THANKS TO THE PARISH FAMILY

The individuals who helped organize the Drive by Fish Fry 2 would like to thank the entire church. It takes several volunteers, monetary donations, homemade desserts and participants partaking in the actual meals! Our Parish sold a historical 385 meals in total to the community making the best of a very hard and challenging time. ***THANK YOU SO MUCH!***

GRIEF SUPPORT WEEKEND

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend April 30-May 2, 2021 at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information visit www.begginningexperience.kc.org , email register.bekc@gmail.com or call 308-5301873.

CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION THANKS!

Our mission to serve the most-vulnerable continues. We feed the hungry, act as instruments of peace, empower communities and are a voice for the voiceless. We are inspired and encouraged by you. You- as a donor, partner, supporter, staff member or program participant are the reason we do what we do. We collected \$460 as a parish towards this worthy cause.

SCOTT HAHN SPEAKING IN ST. JOSEPH

Readers of the writings of Scott Hahn, Catholic apologist, may want to know that he will be speaking at the Cathedral in Saint Joseph (519 N 10th Street) on Saturday, April 10. The event is free but space is limited so registration must be done at <https://stpaulcenter.com/stjoseph>.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Immanuel Lutheran School in Higginsville offers a Christ-centered education for children age 3-8th grade. Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open for all families. Immanuel Lutheran School will be hosting an Early Childhood Open House for families of children ages 3-6 on March 23rd at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact ILS at 660-584-2854, ilswildcats.office@gmail.com, or www.wildcats4jesus.com. Thank you!

SOUPEL SUPPER THANK YOU!

We hosted the last Souper Supper last Wednesday, March 24th. Thank you to all who donated financially to the cause or contributed homemade cookies towards the dessert portion of this year's three events. Sincere gratitude to Janet Hoefflicker and Rhonda Smith for their time and talent as well as wonderfully representing St. Mary's within our charitable community!

PARISH COUNCIL CANDIDATES INVITED

Each May we select two parishioners to join St. Mary's Parish Council, taking the places of those two members of the council who are coming to the end of their three year term of service.

A candidate for the council has to be a registered parishioner, financially contributing to the support of St. Mary's and involved in the life and work of the parish.

Candidates need to understand this is a three-year commitment: to attend the bi-monthly meeting of the Council and also work on one of the committees of the Council.

To volunteer your name to be included in the drawing, contact the Parish office (660-584-3038). The drawing of names takes place at the 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of May, May 2nd.

GAUDETE ET EXULTATE

(Rejoice and Be Glad)

The Apostolic Exhortation

of Pope Francis about Holiness in today's world.

For Personal Meditation or Family Discussion

"The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives.

"We are not dealing merely with a battle against the world and a worldly mentality that would deceive us and leave us dull and mediocre lacking in enthusiasm and joy. Nor can this battle be reduced to the struggle against our human weaknesses and proclivities (be they laziness, lust, envy, jealousy, or any other weakness.) It is also a constant struggle against the devil, the prince of evil, Jesus himself celebrates our victories. He rejoiced when his disciples made progress in preaching the Gospel and overcoming the opposition of the evil one: 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven' (Luke 10:18)."

Gaudete et Exultate #158 & 159

FINAL WED. LENT OFFERING

Choose what works for you

5:00pm – Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

5:30pm – Rosary

6:00pm – Evening Mass

6:30pm – Seder Meal- Free, but Reservation needed.

PALM SUNDAY – THIS WEEKEND

To try to slow the spread of the pandemic we will not be able to have our usual outdoor Palm Procession to begin Masses.

Simply come into the church as on an ordinary Sunday and pick up a palm frond if you want one. As with everything else during this pandemic- to prevent the spread of the disease once you touch the piece of palm it is yours – do not leave it in church. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO DECORATE FOR EASTER

We will be setting up the church for the special Masses of the Triduum at 9am. That is 9am on Holy Thursday, April 1. 9am on Good Friday, April 2. And 9am on Holy Saturday, April 3. The most help will be needed on Holy Saturday to decorate the church for the Easter Season. All help welcome.

REFLECTIONS FOR

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

In the Litany of Saint Joseph we speak of him as 'Most Just', meaning Joseph excelled in the virtues of a good man. His faith was the pivot for his decision making because he was attentive to God's commands. We see this in scripture when after learning that Mary was with child not by him, he was told to remain faithful to Mary and take her into his home. This does not mean that the way forward was smooth and clear. Joseph like many an earthly husband and father had to place himself second and step forward in faith and trust.

To be continued

Based on "Patron of the Church: St. Joseph's Importance Today" by Michael R. Heinlein published in 'Our Sunday Visitor', Dec. 2020

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON

This year's Community Good Friday Service will be here at St. Mary's at 12:05pm-5 minutes past Noon this Friday, April 2. We will be praying the Stations of the Cross. This service is open to anyone and everyone, please spread the word.

On entering the church pick up a booklet to use. Because of the pandemic, after the service keep the prayer booklet and take it with you.

This service will be in place of the 'Cross Walk' which is traditionally sponsored on Good Friday by the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship but is not possible this year because of the pandemic restrictions.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

All children deserve to be raised in a safe and protective environment. Working together as Church we seek to prevent child abuse, provide safe environments in our parishes and parish schools, and promote the social and emotional well-being of children in all the families in our communities. Every instance of possible child abuse should be reported to the civil authorities.

LENT- FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We are again collecting food supplies for the local Community Food Pantry. Items requested are:

SUNDAY	SUGGESTED ITEM
March 28	Boxed Potatoes/ Mac & Cheese

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS DUE MAR 30

For those who would like to make a dedication of Easter flowers the donation envelopes are available on the tables at the doors. Or just use any envelope and get the information in to the Parish Office by March 30th. Be sure to write (or preferably print) the name/s of those being honored and by whom.

Weekly Collection from March 20th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$1,425
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 90
Total Parish Support	\$1,615
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR HOUSE OF HOPE CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY- PALM SUNDAY

Thanks to all who have brought in personal and hygiene items for the House of Hope. We still have a few boxes left for those still wanting to donate, located on the tables behind the pews. This drive led by the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society concludes this weekend. Thanks to all who have participated. The House of Hope, Inc. provides support, shelter and services to families in our area affected by domestic violence or sexual abuse. The 24-hour crisis hotline is 888-259-6795. Emergency transportation, children services, advocacy services, support groups, legal referrals, and a SANE Program (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) are available. NO one should have to live in fear and feel they have no place to go.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET FOR 2022

For those whom it will concern-the Bishop's Office has sent word that next year (in 2022) Confirmation for the parishes of our Deanery will be on the first Sunday of April (April 3). It will be here at St. Mary's.

Bishop Johnston will visit at 12:30pm with those to be Confirmed and their Sponsors downstairs in the Parish Hall. A pizza lunch will be served.

The Confirmation Mass will begin at 2:00pm. If this will involve you and your family, mark your calendar now.

THANKS FOR THE DESSERTS

Thanks to all those who donated desserts for the Fish Fry. Cake pans and sheet pans have been washed and are available for pickup in the Lower Meeting Room of the Parish Hall.

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THE PASTOR'S LETTER

March 28, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

We are coming to the end of Lent and about to enter into Holy Week. The heart of Holy Week is 'The Three Days' (in Latin **The Triduum**). These days were the climax of the life of Jesus. Catholic church services on these days are different from any other during the year. If you've never been, you should try it.

On each Good Friday it has been a long standing tradition for the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship to do a 'Cross Walk', which is a public carrying of a large wood cross from one church to another - concluding with a Good Friday Community Prayer Service.

During the 'Cross Walk' people take turns - two or three together- carrying a large wood cross and handing it on to one another. It should make those who take part and everyone who sees it remember the significance of Good Friday.

The 'Cross Walk' happens between two relatively nearby churches so the route is not too long. Saint Mary's is never one of the destinations because there is no other church near to us.

But this year due to the pandemic, the 'Cross Walk' can't be done since people can't handle the cross and pass it on to one another without the possibility of transmitting the virus and there would be no way to keep safe 'social distance'.

So this year, our church will be the location for the Community Good Friday Service. It will here on this Good Friday, April 2, at 12 Noon. We will be praying the traditional Stations of the Cross.

On entering the church pick up a booklet with the prayers. But because of the pandemic restrictions - do not leave the booklet behind. Take it with you.

And please spread the word - everyone is invited.

As we come to the end of Lent we are coming to the close of this Lent's collection of food for the local Food Pantry. Thanks to those have taken part. Every week multiple sacks full of food have been donated and delivered.

We are also to wrap-up the collection of personal hygiene items for spouses and children who take shelter from domestic violence at The House of Hope.

Many of them wind up at The House of Hope because they suddenly realize they need to get out and get out now! Which means they arrive at the shelter without even a toothbrush. Which is why each Lent our Altar and Rosary Society organizes this annual collection of personal and hygiene items.

For anyone who would like to take part before it's over - there are still shoe boxes on the tables behind the pews to put items into. Or use any bag or box. Just put in it whatever you think might be of use.

May you have a meaningful Holy Week.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins



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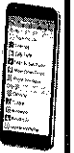
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