



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

STEP OUT IN FAITH

Mary ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple that the tomb was empty. No doubt confused and concerned, Peter and the other disciple set aside whatever fear might have occurred to them and ran to see the tomb for themselves. We do not always understand God's ways. We too are confused at times; our lives are marked by moments of uncertainty,

and at times we are afraid. We can learn from Mary, Simon Peter, and the other disciple and step out in faith, trusting that we will find the Lord in the midst of the circumstances of our lives. When life gets complicated, as it often does, the best thing to do is step out, perhaps even run to the Lord!

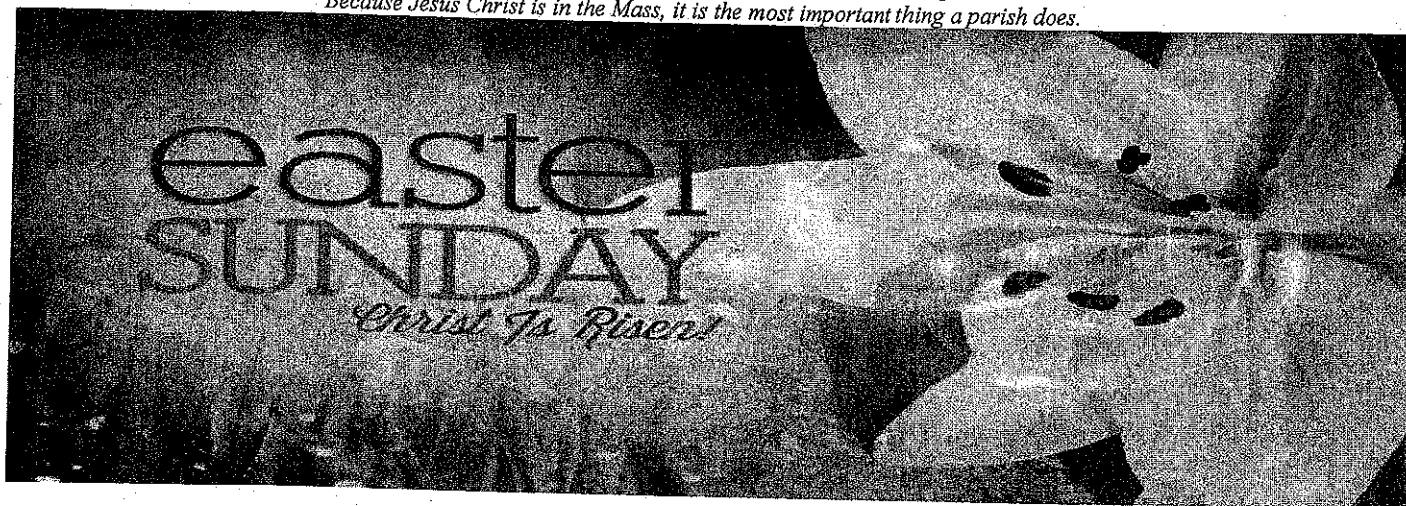
We may not have opportunities to address crowds of people and share the gospel with them. Still, we are called to bear witness to our faith in the ways that we are able, in word and in deed. We cannot share what we have not fully embraced ourselves, however. The Easter season is the perfect time to reflect on Christ's Paschal Mystery, the unfathomable love

of Jesus who shows and shares God's love perfectly. Our Lord gave his life so that we might have life, and have it to the full. Christ's victory over sin and death is our victory, our promise of eternal life with God in the fullness of time. See in Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection the sign of God's mercy. Let this Easter day be a moment in which you allow yourself to be touched by Christ's incredible, undying love. Then, renewed in faith, look for ways to bear witness to the mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and love of the Lord with others.

Today's Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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

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

Monday, April 5 – 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, April 6 – 8:00am

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

Wednesday, April 7 – 6:00pm in the Evening

Robert Bell R.I.P. by Marty Bell

Thursday, April 8 – 8:00am

Missouri Farmers by Jeff & Lisa Kuecker

Friday, April 9 – 8:00am

The Wallpe Family by Bill Wallpe

Saturday, April 10 – 4:00pm

Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living & Departed

Sunday, April 11 – 10:30am SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

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

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. April 3 rd	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun. April 4 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Karen Schroeder	Rhonda Smith	Bennie & Nancy Spain
Sat. April 10 th	Bill Wallpe Bob Brown	Sandy May	Mike Deamos	Dwaine & Marlene Edwards
Sun. April 11 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Chris Kaiser	Emily Rhoad	Karen Schroeder/ Marty Bell

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.

Weekly Collection from March 28th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$1,920
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 187
Total Parish Support	\$2,107
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

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 who is a faithfully practicing Catholic, 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.

FINAL SOUPER SUPPER THANK YOU

The last of our free community meals during the winter months was Wednesday, February 24. 170 meals were served. Because of pandemic restrictions it was of course a Drive By event. Thanks to those who did the work: Janet and Roger Hoefflicker, Howard Goring, Virginia Graham, Hazel Nuelle, Gloria Ryun, Rhonda Smith, Colleen Starner & Bill Wallpe.

And thanks to those who made donations in support of the event. The pork loins were raised and provide by Roger Rinne.

COLLECTION FOR HOUSE OF HOPE

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who have brought in personal and hygiene items for the House of Hope. 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.

VATICAN ASSURES THAT CORONAVIRUS

VACCINES ARE MORALLY

ACCEPTABLE FOR CATHOLICS

"The Vatican's doctrinal office issued a note December 21 saying it is 'morally acceptable' for Catholics to take vaccines against the coronavirus, in what appears an unprecedented effort to convince believers to inoculate themselves to help end the global pandemic.

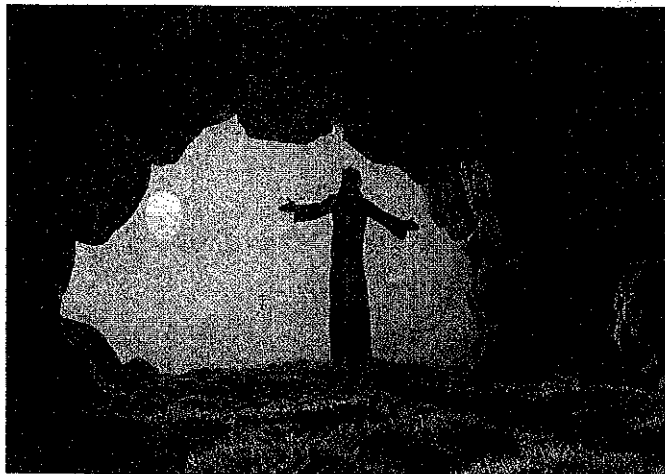
"Addressing concerns that some of the new vaccines were developed using cell lines connected to tissue obtained from two abortions decades ago, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the 'grave danger' of spreading the coronavirus outweighs those concerns.

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

Thanks to those who took part in our Lent collection of goods for the Community Food Pantry. Literally thousands of items were donated. Thanks to all who participated

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>.



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*

“We will not admit to the existence of the devil if we insist on regarding life by only empirical standards, without a supernatural understanding. It is precisely the conviction that this malign power is present in our midst that enables us to understand how evil can at times have so much destructive force. True enough the biblical authors had limited conceptual resources for expressing certain realities, and in Jesus’ time epilepsy, for example, could easily be confused with demonic possession. Yet this should not lead us to over simplification that would conclude that all the cases related in the Gospel had to do with psychological disorders and hence that the devil does not exist or is not at work. He is present in the very first pages of the Scriptures, which end with God’s victory over the devil. Indeed, in leaving us the prayer ‘The Our Father’, Jesus wanted us to conclude by asking the Heavenly Father to “deliver us from evil.” That final word does not refer to evil in the abstract; a more exact translation would be ‘the evil one.’ It indicates a personal being who assails us. Jesus taught us to ask daily for deliverance from it, lest it’s power prevails over us.”

Gaudete et Exultate #160

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.

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.

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.beginningexperience.kc.org, email register.beke@gmail.com or call 308-5301873.

Easter Lilly Dedications 2021

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Grechus, Mary	Jay Grechus, Debby Grechus, Beretta & Grechus Families
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Hare, Charley	Charles & Glenna Fraher
Hare, Charley	Joe & Jeanne Hare
Hare, Charley	Martha Winterrose and Eugene & Olive Winterrose
Hare, Charley	Peggy Payeur and Robert & Margaret Payeur
Hawkins, Father Tom	Thomas P & Beatrice Hawkins and Family
Hoeflicker, Roger & Janet	Bill & Bessie Hoeflicker
Kaiser Wiegers Funeral Home	Martha Anderson & Glenn Terry
Kuecker, Jeffrey & Lisa	Carl & Mary Arnett and Our Grandparents
McCormack, Terry & Gloria	Beck, Rinne, Johns & McCormack Families
Nuelle, Hazel	George Nuelle
Parker, Anita	Dale Parker
Perrine, Mike & Jane	John Hagerty
Rankin, Rick & Kathy	Marjorie Rankin
Rhoad, Scott & Emily and Family	Fredrick & Theresa Rhoad
Smith, Paul & Rhonda	Glenn Parks
Spain, Nancy & Bennie	Lucille and Joseph Griffin Family
Spain, Nancy & Bennie	Berniece and Herman Spain Family
Starke, Gary & Terie	Leroy & Mike Melies
Stuerke, Joan	John Hagerty
Summerlin, William & Carol	Jay Grechus and Ed & Velma Summerlin
Wallpe, Bill	Wallpe Family
Zacha, Marijean	Henry & Rosemary Zacha



**REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

Because of Joseph of Nazareth's obedience to the will of God, he was entrusted with the most precious of missions- to be the foster father of the Christ, the Redeemer of the World. A mission that would change the course of human history. But that did not mean it was easy.

And so, at this time when the domestic church (that is the Church in our own homes) is facing significant obstacles to flourishing in the face of modern culture, it is important to call on Saint Joseph for his assistance.

In the light of Saint Joseph's example let us ask ourselves: How can I be more attentive to God's will for me and my family? How can I be a better father, mother or child? How can I help make our home a 'little church' where peace and love abide?

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.

KNIGHTS MEET THIS MONDAY- APRIL 5

The Knights of Saint Mary's will mark the beginning of their second century at their meeting this Monday, April 5, at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west (small parking lot) door. Remember- the diocese expects COVID precautions will be observed- face masks, social distancing, and sanitizing after the meeting.

Items on the Agenda are: where the Council's budget stands following the Fish Fries and, selection of recipients of 'The Kenneth Bell Memorial Scholarship' to be presented at the quarterly Knights Mass on May 24.

All men of the parish over the age of 18 are encouraged to join the Knights of Columbus.

**ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS
THIS TUESDAY - APRIL 6**

All women of the parish are invited to the April meeting of the St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society this Tuesday evening at 7pm. (That is 7pm, not the winter meeting time of 6pm). This will be in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west (small parking lot) door. Remember - the diocese expects COVID precautions will be observed- face masks, social distancing and sanitizing after the meeting.

**From the Pastor's desk
Dear Parishioners,**

April 4th

Best Wishes for a Blessed Easter Season.

Thanks to those who helped with our Holy Week Services.

And thanks to those who participated in our various offerings during the 40 days of Lent- the collection of food for the Community Food Pantry; the collection of personal items for the House of Hope, shelter for abused spouses and children; the Wednesday evening adult faith studies about Redemptive Suffering; time for quiet prayer on Wednesdays at 5pm with Rosary at 5:30pm; the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights, our weekday Masses and whatever Lent project you undertook for your own self.

May whatever you did for Lent prove to be a blessing in your life.

Of course- extra Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving is something each of us can do for our own self any time we need it.

Please keep in your prayers Mary Rinne (wife of Roger) who has been diagnosed with very serious cancer.

Our friend, Father Jim Healy (the priest with the jokes) sends thanks to those who have been praying for him and says things have been going well but the doctor says that the worst chemo treatments lie ahead. Father Jim hopes that you will continue to remember him in prayer.

Thanks to Josh Thompson and Lisa Kuecker who this month are wrapping up their three years of service on our Parish Council. Come the first Sunday of May we will have a drawing of two names to take one of the 'At Large' seats on the Council. The requirements to participate in the selection process are listed in this bulletin.

The celebration of Catholic Christmas lasts for 12 Days. And the celebration of Catholic Easter lasts for 50 days- a week of weeks! May it all be a blessing to you.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins



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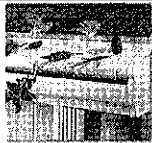
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