



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

VINES, BRANCHES, AND FRUIT

Few activities are as disappointing as cultivating garden plants, watering them, and ensuring that they receive sunlight and nutrients, only to receive one or two vegetables or flowers to show for all the effort. Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and branches to describe how closely we are called to remain with him—so close that we bear the fruit of his life and love in the way we live. When we do this, Jesus says, we give glory to God the Father, which Jesus did perfectly through his life, passion, death, and resurrection. Like plants that rely on the sun and nutrients from the soil, we rely on the Lord Jesus through whom we can do all for which we are called. Without the Lord, we can do nothing.

The story of the early Church that we hear from the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season is instructive and inspiring. We learn how the community grew in their understanding of what it means to remain close to Jesus in the most challenging of situations. They lived in word and deed as Christ had taught and bore the fruit of their faith in their daily decisions, in small ways and in dramatic moments. Faced with Saul who had persecuted Christians and who presented himself as a disciple, Barnabas risked believing Saul's testimony. Through Barnabas, the community accepted Saul, with increasing numbers of people being led to belief in Christ as a result. We too are called to live in word and deed, taking to heart Christ's command to love one another, even when it is challenging to do so. We may find inspiration in the way the early believers drew consolation from the Holy Spirit, finding wisdom and strength to keep the commandments and do what pleases God.

Today's Readings: Acts 9:26–31; Ps 22:26–27, 28, 30, 31–32; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

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, May 1 – 4:00pm

SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER The beloved carpenter of Nazareth who was chosen by God to be the husband of Mary and foster father of the boy Jesus. Patron Saint of all who labor, especially those who do manual labor. This year of 2021 has been dedicated by Pope Francis as a year to reflect on and honor Saint Joseph.

For all who labor- especially in difficult and dangerous jobs. And for those seeking employment.

Sunday, May 2 – 10:30am FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Jon Schroeder R.I.P. by Karen Schroeder

Monday, May 3 – 8:00am

SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES Philip was among the first disciples called by Jesus. He preached in Phrygia where he was martyred by crucifixion. James, referred to a 'James the Less' was a son of Alphaeus and titled 'brother of the Lord' because he was a cousin to Jesus. (There was no word for 'cousin' in the Aramaic language.) First bishop of the church in Jerusalem, he was beaten or stoned to death. One of the Epistles is ascribed to him.

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 4– 8:00am

Ian & Susan Pollard by Jeff & Charlotte True

Wednesday, May 5 – 6:00pm in the Evening

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

Thursday, May 6 – 8:00am National Day of Prayer

Martha Anderson R.I.P. by Karen Schroeder

Friday, May 7 – 8:00am

Carl & Mary Arnett R.I.P. by Jeff & Lisa Kuecker

Saturday, May 8 – 4:00pm

Catherine Thaller R.I.P. by Darl & Ann Mattson

Sunday, May 9 – 10:30am SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

For the mothers of all Saint Mary's Parishioners, Living and Deceased

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. May 1 st	Lisa Kuecker Mike Ryun	Mike Esser	Bill Walpe	Mike & Gloria Ryun
Sun. May 2 nd	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Karen Schroeder	Rhonda Smith	Bennie & Nancy Spain
Sat. May 8 th	Bill Walpe Mike Ryun	Sandy May	Mike Deamos	Dwayne & Marlene Edwards
Sun. May 9 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Chris Kaiser	Emily Rhoad	Karen Schroeder & Marty Bell

**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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
JULY 16-18**

During this joyful Easter Season as we celebrate new life in Christ, plan to take some time to tend to the garden of your marriage. The mission of Marriage Encounter is to help couples enter more deeply into their sacrament of union through a weekend experience designed to enhance the skills needed for living a loving relationship in all the circumstances of life. The next in person weekend experience will be at Savior Pastoral center in Kansas City, Kansas.

For more information, visit www.wwme4youandme.org. To apply for a weekend call or email Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066. You will be glad you did.

**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 path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we “keep our lamps lit” and be attentive. As the scriptures tell us: “Abstain from every form of evil”. “Keep awake”. “Let us not fall asleep”. Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God’s law can fall into a state of dull lethargy. Since they see nothing serious to reproach themselves with, they fail to realize that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted.”

Gaudete et Exultate #164

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THIS THURSDAY MAY 6**

The annual National Day of Prayer for the welfare of our nation is this Thursday, May 6. Throughout the nation all people of Faith are encouraged to gather informally together to pray for the welfare of our nation. At 6pm that evening there will be a prayer gathering organized by the Ministerial Fellowship of Higginsville in the Gazebo in Fairground Park (near the swimming pool). If case of bad weather this prayer gathering will be at First Baptist Church 1907 Peach Street.

NATIONAL PRAYER for 2021

“Spirit search us, convict us, as we repent for our sin and the sins of America. Please cleanse, fill and send us. We rejoice, knowing that Your forgiveness makes us acceptable and effective vessels for Your love, life and liberty in our families, churches, places of education, work places, military, government, art, entertainment and media.

*“We pray that America will be united in love to serve You with all our hearts, all our ways, and all of our days. Unite us to pray, love, live and walk by the guidance of God’s Holy Spirit. Conform and transform us as we pray and proclaim, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is true liberty. We pray this in the name of Jesus.
Amen “*

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETS TUESDAY – MAY 4

All women of the parish are invited to the May meeting of the Altar and Rosary Society this Tuesday evening, May 4, at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west door (small parking lot). Traditionally at this meeting there is the selection of Officers for the coming year. The Altar and Rosary Society does not meet during the summer months of June, July, and August. Meetings resume in September.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING FAITH
SHARING FOR ADULTS**

Everyone is invited to take part in our Wednesday evening group studying the parables of Jesus. This will run through May 12th. Mass is available at 6pm in the church. A light supper is served at 6:30pm in the Lower Meeting Room. This is free and open to all.

**REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

One of Saint Joseph's titles is 'Watchful Defender of Christ.'

Consider how in our troubled times, parents who have their children baptized assume the responsibility to watchfully defend the spirit of Christ in each child and in their family's home environment.

We want to teach children how to deal wisely with the world and how to live in the midst of the world while not becoming corrupted by the worst aspects of the world.

What must each of us be watchful about? What must we defend our own self from?

Saint Joseph, Defender of Christ, help me to be a defender of the true spirit of Christ within my own heart and soul.

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

**TOMMOROW'S PRIESTS VOCATION
COLLECTION MAY 15-16**

A message from Bishop Johnston: "In recent years, our Diocese has been blessed with many seminarians discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This blessing comes with a challenge: our financial obligations have increased significantly. Thankfully, our annual collection for 'Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund' has become more successful every year and continues to be a vital part of our approach to funding this need. Know of my profound gratitude for making this possible! This year's collection will be held on May 15-16."

DICOESAN COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

The Communications Office of the diocese is looking for input as it updates its tools to more effectively communicate with people throughout the diocese. If you would like to take part - the five page survey is available for pickup 'on the tables at the doors' of the church or contact the Parish Office and we will mail you a copy.

Completed surveys need to be returned by May 9. Mail them to:

Catholic Diocese of KC-St. Joseph
Attention : Communications Office
PO BOX 419037
Kansas City, MO 64141-6037

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

May 2nd

For any children (of any age) or husbands who need a reminder- next Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day.

Now is the time to plan something nice.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins

**CATHOLIC COMMUNION SERVICE AT MEYER
CARE THIS FRIDAY MAY 7 10AM**

A Communion Service for the residents of Meyer Care (and the residents of John Knox Village who choose to attend) will be this coming Friday morning at 10am in the Gathering Room.

If you have Catholic family or friends who are residents of Meyer Care or John Knox, let them know they are invited to take part.

KNIGHTS MEET MONDAY- MAY 3

The Knights of Columbus meeting for May will be this Monday, May 3 at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west (small parking lot door). Among items to be discussed are: Knights Mass on May 23, presentation of the Kenneth Bell Memorial Scholarship, staffing the upcoming food stand, planning for our private membership Fish Fry in June, and selection of a slate of officers for the Council.

Weekly Collection from April 25th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$4,915
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 60
Total Parish Support	\$4,975
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

KNIGHTS PLANNING FOOD STAND IN MAY

From the April meeting of the Knights- Plans are underway to have a food stand at Moose's Market on Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22. All able bodied Knights should volunteer to take a turn staffing the stand. It usually takes three men working together to make things go smoothly. When there are enough volunteers a work shift lasts only two hours.



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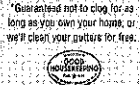
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