



# 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

## THE CALL AND CAUSE OF LOVE

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early moments of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence.

Adult children change their plans to care for aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

**Today's Readings:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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**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 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*

**Monday, May 10– 8:00am**

**SAINT PETER DAMIEN de VEUSTER** Missionary priest from Belgium who began working in Hawaii in 1864. A man of great compassion who knew it was a death-sentence when in 1873 he volunteered to serve as chaplain to the 800 lepers on Molokai the island to which lepers were exiled. There was no treatment for their illness nor any public services on Molokai. Lepers were forced onto the island and left to fend for themselves living in sickness and chaos. Damien as their chaplain not only provided spiritual comfort but helped establish social order. As expected, in 1885 Damien contracted leprosy from which he died in 1889.

*Communion Service*

**Tuesday, May 11– 8:00am**

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

**Wednesday, May 12 – 6:00pm in the Evening**

**SAINTS NEREUS and ACHILLEUS** Two members of the imperial Praetorian Guard (personal bodyguards of the emperor of Rome), who became Christian knowing it would lead to their deaths. Beheaded under the Emperor Trajan at the end of the first century. Patron Saints of those in positions of power, especially policemen and soldiers, who refuse to cooperate with wrong-doing and stand up for what is right.

*Pete & Helen Beck R.I.P. by Margie Weller*

**Thursday, May 13 – 8:00am National Day of Prayer**

**FEAST of OUR LADY OF FATIMA** Remembering the apparitions of Mary witnessed by three poor shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. Our Lady of Fatima encouraged prayers for the salvation of humankind, especially the prayer of the Rosary.

*Alma Beck & Joyce Kays by Margie Weller*

**Friday, May 14 – 8:00am**

**SAINT MATTHIAS** Chosen by the Apostles to take the place of Judas as witness to the mission and message of Jesus. First example of the handing of the apostolic authority which has continued across the centuries to the Catholic bishops of today.

*Dale Parker R.I.P. by Anita Parker*

**Saturday, May 15 – 4:00pm**

**SAINT ISADOR the FARMER** Deeply religious farm laborer of Spain who is Patron Saint of Farmers and rural communities. Died in 1130. His wife, Maria de la Cabeza is also a saint of the Church.

*Olivia & Leonard Bell R.I.P. by Anita Parker*

**Sunday, May 16 – 10:30am SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased*

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Wallpe Mike Ryun	Sandy May	Mike Deamos	Dwaine & Marlene Edwards
Sun. May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Chris Kaiser	Emily Rhoad	Karen Schroeder & Marty Bell
Sat. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Wallpe Bill Summerlin	Bob Brown	Howard Goring	Larry & Teresa Hoepfner
Sun. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Emily Rhoad	Hazel Nuelle	Greg & Karen Daniel Family

## KNIGHTS NEEDED TO WORK FOOD STAND SATURDAY MAY 21

All Knights of Columbus of the parish should help work the Food Stand at Moose's Market on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22. Help is especially needed for Saturday. Contact Ian Pollard (660-864-4698) to volunteer for a two-hour time slot.

## 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.wvme4youandme.org](http://www.wvme4youandme.org). To apply for a weekend call or email Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066. You will be glad you did.

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](mailto: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.

## 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*

"Spiritual corruption is worse than the fall of a sinner, for it is a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism, and other subtle forms of self-centeredness; for as scripture says, 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (Second Corinthians 11:14). So, King Solomon ended his days, whereas David, who sinned greatly, was able to make up for disgrace. Jesus warned us against this self-deception that easily leads to corruption. He spoke of a person freed from the devil who, convinced that their life was now in order, ended up being possessed by seven other evil spirits (Luke 11: 24-26)."

*Gaudete et Exultate #165*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## JUST JUMP IN AND LEND A HAND

God bless the faithful who are sanitizing our church after each Mass. When you see they are shorthanded, please do not hesitate to put on a pair of disposable gloves, grab a spray can, some paper towels and lend a hand.

We could use more help in every area. Just look at the list of Mass Assistants and you will see that often the workload is on the shoulders of only a few.

## CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS - JUNE 9

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to be Confirmed, Bishop Johnston will confer that Sacrament at the Cathedral on Wednesday, June 9, at 7pm. To prepare for the Sacrament contact Father Hawkins immediately. Reservations for the service must be made prior to June 1.

## In Honor of Mother's Day

here are two famous prayers  
to Mary our Mother in Christ

### **The Salve Regina**

Hail holy Queen, mother of mercy.  
Our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To You we do cry, poor banished children  
of Eve.

To you do we send up our sighs; mourning  
and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your  
eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!



### **The Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who  
fled to your protection, implored your help,  
or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O  
Virgin of virgins, my mother. To you I come; before  
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise  
not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and  
answer me. Amen

REFLECTIONS FOR  
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

We do not know when, where or how Saint Joseph died but the presumption is that it must have been in the company of his wife, Mary, and his son by adoption, Jesus our Lord. To die in the care of such loving persons must have surely made for a peaceful and holy death.

For this reason, Joseph is considered the Patron Saint of a happy death because a holy death is to die in the grace of God and enter more deeply into His divine presence.

During the sickness and deaths of this pandemic many faithful Catholics have called on Saint Joseph as "Hope of the Sick" and "Patron of the Dying".

None of us know when, where or how we shall come to our own death but if our passing can be like Joseph's it will also be a holy and happy death.

"Saint Joseph, beloved Patron of the Dying, help me at the hour of my death to die with Faith, Hope and Love in my heart."

*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 NEXT WEEKEND 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."

**Weekly Collection from May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Parishioner Envelopes	\$2,315
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 40
Total Parish Support	\$2,355
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

From the Pastor's desk  
Dear Parishioners,

May 9<sup>th</sup>

A very blessed **Mother's Day** to all the Moms of our parish.

As we periodically do, the pastors of the Catholic Parishes in our area met her on the last Tuesday of April. Among the many items discussed was what parishes are now doing about COVID compliance. Some have marked off sections where there is no more social distancing for those who have been vaccinated and marked off other sections for those who have not been vaccinated, some have just opened the whole church, some had been spraying disinfectant on everyone's hands as they arrived for Mass but recently stopping doing that, etc. etc.

The Diocese has sent an update of directives for what is to be done at Mass I have forwarded these to the members of our Parish Council.

Until the Council meets on May 19 to discuss them, we will just keep doing what we have been doing.

So, I am pretty sure change is just around the corner, but I am going to let the Parish Council determine what those changes are and when and how we do them.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

*Father Tom Hawkins*

DICOESAN COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY DUE  
BY THIS SUNDAY

The Communications Office of the diocese is looking for input as it updates its tools to communicate with people more effectively throughout the diocese. Paper copies of the five page survey had been available for pickup 'on the tables at the doors' of the church.

Or it can be found online at the diocesan website: [www.wkcsjatholic.org](http://www.wkcsjatholic.org). The deadline for submission is this Sunday, May 9.



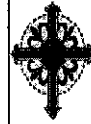
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