



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

KEEPING THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND

As we near the end of the Easter season, the readings lead us to keep the big picture of Christ's Paschal Mystery—Jesus' life and ministry, passion, death, and resurrection—and the impact it is to have in our lives at the center of all that we are and do. We who have been drawn to Christ through baptism are called to take on the mind, heart, and life of our Lord. Jesus, who is God's love incarnate, shows us the extent of God's love and calls us to live this love in the world. We live in the world but do not belong to it. Ultimately, we belong to

God. When we show love, especially when we sacrifice for the sake of another, we share in Christ's saving love, building a bridge between God and humanity in Christ's name. Jesus prayed to God the Father about his disciples, "Consecrate them in the truth." To consecrate is to make holy. Jesus asks God to make us holy in the truth of God's love which is poured upon us through the Holy Spirit. Think about this: we call the moment in which the bread and wine at Mass become the Body and Blood of Christ the consecration.

The bread and wine are transformed and made sacred, holy. Remember, too, that as the gifts are brought forward for consecration, we join our lives, gifts, and resources in prayer, asking God to bless us, to consecrate us as well. In baptism, we are consecrated—we are set apart in Christ's love. Knowing this should make a difference in the way we live our lives. Our consecration should be the benchmark for our attitudes and actions, the choices and decisions we make each day. What does it mean to you to be consecrated, to be called to holiness? How does this affect the way you live?

Today's Readings: Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26; Ps 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20; 1 Jn 4:11–16; Jn 17:11b–19
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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 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 FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, May 17– 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 18– 8:00am

SAINT JOHN I POPE and MARTYR The first Pope to be named John. He had to deal with the Arian heresy which taught that Christ was not truly divine but a created being. Although this was condemned at the Council of Nicea in 325 it continued to plague the Church because some powerful people could not conceive of Jesus as divine and caused real hardships and physical suffering for Pope John. Died 526

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

Wednesday, May 19 – 6:00pm in the Evening

Alma Beck & Joyce Kays by Margie Weller

Thursday, May 20 – 8:00am

SAINT BERNADINE of SIENNA A Franciscan monk who was a famous reformer and eloquent preacher. Encouraged devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Died in 1444.

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

Friday, May 21 – 8:00am

SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES and COMPANION MARTYRS In Mexico during the 1920's the government was in the hands of Communists who tried to suppress the Catholic Church. This included the execution of 21 diocesan priests and 3 laymen for their association with the Cristero uprising which opposed the communist repression.

Ian & Susan Pollard by Jeff & Charlotte True

Saturday, May 22 – 4:00pm

SAINT RITA of CASCIA A wife and mother of Umbira, Italy in the early 1400's, after the murder of her husband she urged forgiveness in contrast to the vendetta customary at that time. She then became a nun and spent some forty years in prayer and service to the sick and poor. Died 1457. Patron Saint of those in desperate situations.

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

Sunday, May 23 – 10:30am PENTECOST

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. May 15 th	Bill Wallpe Bill Summerlin	Bob Brown	Howard Goring	Larry & Teresa Hoepner
Sun. May 16 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Emily Rhoad	Hazel Nuelle	Greg & Karen Daniel Family
Sat. May 22 nd	Lisa Kuecker Bill Wallpe	Howard Goring	Bob Brown	Bill Wallpe
Sun. May 23 rd	Knights of Columbus			

HARVESTERS FOOD

DISTRIBUTION THIS THURSDAY

The monthly distribution of free food from Harvesters is a great blessing for anyone in need of food assistance. That will be this Thursday, May 20. As happens the third Thursday of each month.

Food give-away starts about 9:30am and stops at 11am. There is usually an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit. Sometimes canned goods and sometimes meat. It depends on whatever the warehouse sends. There are no requirements but participants have to get a number (starting at 8am) and are served in sequence. Participants no longer have to bring boxes to carry the food – because of the pandemic people stay in their cars and the packaged foodstuffs are placed directly into the trunks of the car. Trunks should be cleared out so there is space for the food supplies. This will be at First Assembly of God Church, 1050 W 19th Street in Higginsville. Just east of Walmart.

Able-bodied volunteers are needed to do the distribution. Volunteers begin work at about 8am when the food arrives by truck from Kansas City; it needs to be unloaded and arranged. Clean-up lasts until about 1pm.

The Ministerial Fellowship is inviting members of all congregations and all the community to join in this effort. For more information contact the President of the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship, Rev. Dale Felder at 660-584-6289. All help welcome!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND JULY 16-18

During this season of gardening, 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. To apply email Tony Zimmerman tonybarbz@prodigy.net or call 816-741-4066

KNIGHT'S HOLY HOUR AND KNIGHTS MASS

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 23, our Knights of Columbus will keep an Hour of Prayer starting at 9:30am; followed by the quarterly Knights Mass at 10:30am. This happens just four times a year. All Knights of Mildner Council 2244 are encouraged to take part.

The Knights Mass will include the presentation of the Kenneth Bell Memorial Scholarship.

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.

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

“How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense. It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.

“The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good. All of us, but especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.”

Gaudete et Exultate #165 & #166

**REMINDER TO YOUTH LEADERS CHILDREN'S
SAFETY AUDIT DUE AT DIOCESE- JUNE 1**

The Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection wants the youth directors of every parish to complete the children's safety training audit form as soon as possible. Send it to ocyo@diocesekcsj.org. The deadline is June 1. Thank you.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS
WEDNESDAY -MAY 19**

Members of the Parish Council are reminded of the May meeting of the Council, this Wednesday evening, May 19, on the lower level of the church. This will be the annual reorganization meeting which includes the selection of officers for the coming 12 months.

We will gather at 6:30pm for a Social to thank Josh Thompson and Lisa Kuecker for their past three years of service on the Council.

Because the meeting is on parish property, COVID 19 safety precautions continue to be required that means face masks and social distancing.

Members of the Saint Mary's Parish Council are: Josh Thompson, Presiding President; Kristina Campbell- Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper; Carita Trent- Social Outreach; (Volunteer Needed) -Director of Religious Education; Josie McDermed- Altar Society; Marty Bell - Knights of Columbus; Mike Esser- Liaison to the Building Committee; Rhonda Smith-Adult Education; Steve and Kristin Vetter- Representing Youth Groups. At Large Members are; Mike Esser, Lisa Kuecker, Karen Schroeder, Peggy Singh, Josh Thompson and Carita Trent.

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.

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUTH

During the weeks of June, the diocese is sponsoring four Monday through Saturday overnight camps for Catholic Youth at Maur Hill Mount Academy in Atchison, Kansas. For information go to www.campsavio.com

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the Pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO VIEW THE NEW
CHARITIES WEBSITE**

Catholic Charities of Kansas City - Saint Joseph is pleased to announce the launch of a new and improved website: www.catholiccharities-kcsj.org. There you will find information for accessing program services as well as how you can become part of the solution to eradicate poverty in our diocese. You can also sign up to receive their newsletter and learn about job listings. If you have questions or suggestions related to the website, contact Brigette Chirpich, Director of Marketing & Communications at bchirpich@ccharities.com

**NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN'S CENTER IN
WARRENSBURG**

The New Beginnings Center is helping pregnant women choose Life. Confidential free services offered include: Pregnancy testing; First trimester ultrasound; Childbirth education; Peer counseling; Baby and maternity clothing; Parenting classes; STD testing and treatment; Abortion recovery.

How you can help: Pray, Volunteer, Donate new baby items, and Help get the word out. New Beginnings Women's Center 208 E Gay Street in Warrensburg. Phone 660-429-3800. Their website is nbwburg.org and email address newbeginningswburg@gmail.com.

**VISIT THE KNIGHTS FOOD STAND THIS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

If you get hungry for a burger or a brat this coming Friday and Saturday- remember to visit the Knights Food Stand at Moose's Market on Main Street in Higginsville.

REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Life can be full of unexpected and unwanted changes; times when we find the rug pulled out from under us and things suddenly topsy turvy. The Gospel of Matthew tells us, Joseph had to find ways to adapt when, after the birth of Jesus, he was commanded by an angel of the Lord to flee with his family to Egypt.

When violence and death threatened the Christ Child, Saint Joseph had to find a new way of living in order to keep his family safe. Detached from what had been their home and family connections, Joseph had to come up with new ways to provide and care for his family.

When we find our life, as individuals or as parents, taking a hard expected turn, we can look to the example of Joseph who even during a time of confusion and darkness was a model of faith and trust.

“Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, help me face the unexpected changes and challenges of my life with a calm and faithful spirit in imitation of your trust and spirit of acceptance.” *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

TOMORROW’S PRIESTS VOCATION

COLLECTION THIS 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 9th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$2,195
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 230
Total Parish Support	\$2,425
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

From the Pastor’s desk
Dear Parishioners,

May 16th

Prayerful condolences to our parishioner, Nicky Bennett, on the death of her mother, Manuella, in Oklahoma on Thursday, May 6.

Hopefully, every Catholic knows that the basic spiritual practice of a Catholic is the Sunday Eucharist.

Why? Because it is a meeting with Christ, who comes to us in Word and in Sacrament.

For Catholics going to Mass each weekend is a fundamental moral obligation imposed by the apostolic authority of the Church so that we will grow in our relationship with Christ. To willfully disregard this without very good reason is a display of selfish disobedience and is considered a sinful act.

In special circumstances (illness, old age, ice on the roads, etc.) the obligation to go to a Mass for Sunday is lifted – one is dispensed by necessity.

In very special circumstances – such as danger of contracting illness due to a pandemic- a Catholic Bishop can give members of his diocese a blanket dispensation from the obligation. Which, for the welfare of the people, our Bishop Johnston did way back at the start of the pandemic.

Now that our country is hopefully getting the spread of COVID under control, Bishop Johnston has announced that his special dispensation will be ended starting with Masses on the weekend of **June 5/6**.

Jesus says: “Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me” in the Gospel of Matthew 11:29. That’s what Catholics do by going to Sunday Mass.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins

**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.



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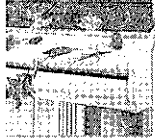
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