

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 FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As followers of Jesus, we are called to direct our minds and hearts to Christ's love, turning away from all that is not of God in order to be more Christ-like in our daily lives. The more we invite the Holy Spirit to draw us close to God's heart, the more readily we will avoid sin and choose life, faith, and love. In the letter to the Galatians, we hear a list of things that those who live in the Spirit are to avoid. Things like immorality, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness. At first glance, we might think to ourselves, "of course I want to avoid those things," and yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we likely recognize some of those patterns in our lives. Upon further reflection, however, we also see that these negative behaviors pose temporary pleasure while the fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—lead to a life of deep and lasting fulfillment.

The Jewish people who had gathered in Jerusalem for the festival of Pentecost came from every corner of the world. They spoke many languages and yet were drawn to hear the message of Christ from the disciples who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were astonished by what they heard—not only the message, but the way in which it was conveyed, in their own language, and by the messengers, people whom they would have considered ordinary and unremarkable, rather than the acknowledged religious leaders of their time. We, too, are called to share the love and mercy of Christ through word and action, even when we feel small and insignificant. We need only to look at the witness and experience of those first disciples and all the saints who have preceded us to know that we are capable of much when we place our lives in God's hands. Nothing can stand in the way of the incredible love of God when we are filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit!

Today's Readings: Acts 2:1–11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; Gal 5:16–25; Jn 20:19–23 or
Jn 15: 26–27; 16:12–15

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 22 – 4:00pm

SAINT RITA of CASCIA A wife and mother of Umbria, 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

Monday, May 24 – 8:00am

FEAST of MARY, MOTHER of the CHURCH As followers of Christ we are the Church and honor Mary, our mother in Jesus, as mother to us all.

Communion Service

Tuesday, May 25– 8:00am

SAINT BEDE the VENERABLE A Benedictine monk and great scholar his "Ecclesiastical History" is the first recording of history in the English language giving him the title "Father of English History". Died in 735.

Arlon Meisner by Gail Meisner

Wednesday, May 26 – 6:00pm in the Evening

SAINT PHILIP NERI Known for his joyful and simple spirit he founded The Congregation of the Oratory, an association of priests to promote effective preaching. Died in 1595.

Communion Service

Thursday, May 27 – 8:00am

SAINT AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY A Benedictine abbot sent by Pope Gregory I with forty other monks as missionaries to England where he established several dioceses and became the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Died in 604.

Communion Service

Friday, May 28 – 8:00am

Communion Service

Saturday, May 29 – 4:00pm

SAINT PAUL VI Elected Pope in June of 1963, he sought to win disaffected workers back to the Catholic Church and played a significant role in helping with the preparation of Vatican II. He increased the number of cardinals significantly giving many countries their first Cardinal. He also wrote seven encyclicals, including *Ecclesiam Suam*. Died in 1978.

Josephine Beretta R.I.P. by Mary Grechus

Sunday, May 30 – 10:30am FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister/ Server	After Mass Cleaning
Sat. May 22 nd	Lisa Kuecker Bill Wallpe	Howard Goring	Bob Brown	Bill Wallpe
Sun. May 23 rd	Knights of Columbus			
Sat. May 29 th	Bill Wallpe Mike Ryun	Bob Brown	Peggy Singh	Larry & Teresa Hoepfner
Sun. May 30 th	Marty Bell Chris Kaiser	Rhonda Smith	Emily Rhoad	Brent & Kathy Cooper

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 need 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.wmme4youandme.org. To apply email Tony Zimmerman tonybarbz@prodigy.net or call 816-741-4066

Weekly Collection from May 16th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 630
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 86
Total Parish Support	\$ 716
Average Weekly Expenses	\$3,278

KNIGHT'S HOLY HOUR AND KNIGHTS MASS THIS SUNDAY

This 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 Mediation or Family Discussion*

“Discernment is more important when some new thing presents itself in our lives. Then we must decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil. At other times, the opposite can happen, when the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change for the better. Yet that would be to block the working of God’s Holy Spirit. We are free, with the freedom of Christ. Still, he asks us to examine what is within us – our desires, anxieties, fears, and questions- and what takes place all around us- ‘the signs of the times’ -- and thus to recognize the paths that lead to complete freedom. As Saint Paul writes to the Thessalonians: “Test everything; hold fast to what is good”. (1 Thes 5:21)

Gaudete et Exultate #167

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.

FOR MEN SEEKING A ROLE OF SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

Adult men who are practicing Catholics are invited to consider a vocation as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. Permanent Deacons are empowered by ordination to preach, baptize, witness marriage, and perform other official functions as a member of the clergy. The preparation program is spread out over several years.

The Diocesan Deacon Office is now organizing a formation class to begin in January or February 2022.

If interested, fill out an inquiry form online and a program director will contact you. Go to <http://kcsj catholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate> or telephone 816-714-2302

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 THIS WEEKEND

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy. Please be generous today. 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 newbeginngswburg@gmail.com.

LOVE THOSE LABELS

No, we are not talking about designer labels found on women's clothing. We are on the lookout for Best Choice labels found on grocery items. Whenever you see one, please snag it and put it (or at least the barcode) in the wood box in the front vestibule of the church. Our Altar and Rosary Society redeems Best Choice labels for money to support their many projects. Thanks to all who participate.

FOOD PANTRY CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Catholic Charities KCSJ's first Food Pantry, "Lift Up—Kansas City" continues to operate out of our temporary site in St. Catherine of Siena Parish. The Pantry is available to anyone in our diocese and includes an online shopping portal for clients to choose groceries. We would love to see more clients take advantage of this opportunity. Please refer anyone who might benefit from our services to our temporary location. We are also searching for a permanent home to serve our northern counties and would appreciate any leads. For more information, contact Jessica Gant at jgant@ccharities.com



REFLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

When we are wrestling with seeing how God is present in the troubles in our life or in our times, we can consider Saint Joseph's response to God during similar circumstances. With constancy and generosity, Saint Joseph lived his life for those entrusted to his care. He did so freely, with a pure heart aflame with love.

"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 THANK YOU

Thanks to those who donated last weekend to the annual collection in support of vocations to the priesthood in our diocese. \$355 was contributed. Thanks to all who gave.

PANDEMIC DISPENSATION ENDS IN JUNE

Happily, the public health situation has improved to the point where at the start of June, Bishop Johnston will lift his special dispensation from regular attendance at a Sunday Mass each weekend.

The Sunday Eucharist is the fundamental practice of Catholic spirituality. Attentively listening to the scripture readings, taking part in the great pray of the Mass in union with the Church throughout the world and throughout the ages; and personally, inviting Christ into one's life is the essential foundation on which a practicing Catholic builds their faith and shapes their life decisions.

To deliberately miss Mass without good reason is to deliberately miss an encounter with Christ.

GLOBAL CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA MAY 24

Quoting Pope Francis, "there is a deep-stated hunger for happiness that only God can satisfy." Cardinal Charles Bo emphasizes "I am calling for prayer for each person in China that they may seek and realize the full measure of happiness that our Creator has given them." Pope Benedict XVI designated May 24, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, as the annual worldwide day of prayer for the Church in China.

From the Pastor's desk Dear Parishioners,

May 23rd

Prayerful condolences to the family and friends of our long-time parishioner Jim Thaller whose Funeral Mass were here at Saint Mary's this past Tuesday.

Please also pray for Jim's wife, Rena, who has been on hospice care for several weeks.

Congratulations from all the parish to Austin Trent this year's recipient of the Kenneth Bell Memorial Scholarship. He is the son of Carita and Paul Trent.

Austin plans to become a professional fireman and emergency responder. May God bless him and keep him safe.

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.

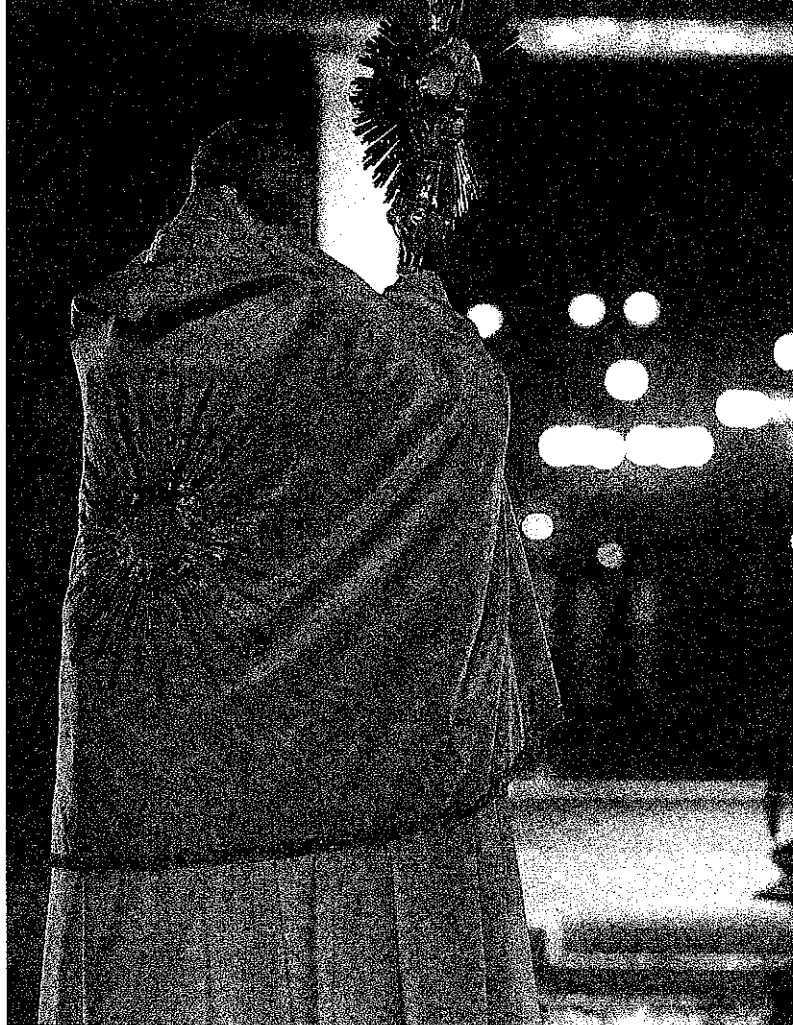
"Addressing concerns that some of the new vaccines were developed using cell lines connected to tissue obtained from two abortions decades ago, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the 'grave danger' of spreading the coronavirus outweighs those concerns.

FAITH STUDY IN ONE WEEKEND

Two Cursillo retreats will be held in July at Immaculate Conception Abbey in the northwest corner of Missouri (about 1 hour and 45 minutes from our parish). One Crusillo for men will run July 15-18. Another for women will run July 22-25.

Starting Thursday evening at 6:30pm and running through Sunday evening. If your Faith (or your knowledge of the Catholic Faith) needs a boost or brush-up try a Crusillo weekend.

For more information contact Marty Bell [REDACTED]



Be a sign of mercy.

[JESUS] JOURNEYED FROM ONE TOWN AND VILLAGE TO ANOTHER, PREACHING AND PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE THE TWELVE... AND MANY OTHERS WHO PROVIDED FOR THEM OUT OF THEIR RESOURCES. —Lk 8:1, 3

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, those he reaches out in compassion to serve, and the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from this collection.

SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested. More information is at www.vatican.va/roman_curial_secretariat_state/obolo_spietro/documents/actual_en.html and www.peterspence.va/en.html.

GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

The Peter's Pence Collection occurs yearly on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father.

A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. Collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise awareness that all the baptized are called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible. By doing so, they build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

During his apostolic visit to Bangui in the Central African Republic in 2015, Pope Francis visited the city's pediatric hospital with a donation of medicines and a promise that he would not forget the country's children. With contributions raised to support Peter's Pence, the Holy Father kept that promise to the children of Bangui

by founding a new facility in 2017. The existing hospital was renovated, and a new facility specifically for malnourished children was constructed. In a March 2019 message, Pope Francis described the hospital as "a concrete sign of mercy" originating with his 2015 visit.

A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts has its roots in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and is an expression of unity with the Holy Father. Peter's Pence expresses this unity in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.





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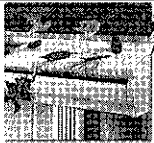
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