



St. Mary's Parish

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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

JESUS' SACRIFICE AND OURS

In presenting the still-familiar four-fold "Shape of the Eucharist"—Jesus takes / blesses / breaks / gives (Mark 14:22)—Mark omits Matthew's specification of purpose "for the forgiveness of sins," and Luke's "for the remembrance of me." But Jesus does recall the covenant, Israel's liberation from Egypt's slavery. And could the disciples—or we—fail to recall that, in Mark's earliest verses, Jesus sits at table "with tax collectors and those known as sinners" (2:15)? Mark also emphasizes the Eucharist as our participation in Jesus' passion and pledge of our share in his future glory. Jesus had earlier referred to his disciples' suffering as "drinking from the cup he would drink" (10:38–39). Soon he would beg his Abba to "take this cup away" (14:36). But while sharing the Eucharistic cup, Jesus promises a day when he would "drink it new" (14:25): the cup of suffering and sorrow is not the last cup he—or we—will drink. The cup of the Garden of Agony will be transformed into the cup of the Kingdom of God.

Through both scripture and tradition, Jesus' Eucharistic self-giving challenges us who partake so frequently of the Eucharist (or hope to do so again once the pandemic is past) to become a community of self-sacrificing love that both worships Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and serves Christ's presence in others. In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, Pope Francis praises the presence, in so many communities, of groups devoted to prayer and intercession, prayerful reading of God's Word, and perpetual adoration of the Eucharist. But then Francis repeats Saint John Paul II's warning that such personal devotion must never become a privatized, individualistic spirituality that forgets the demands of charity or the implications of Jesus' incarnation (*EG*, 262). As we receive Jesus' body sacramentally in the Eucharist, so we should touch Jesus' flesh compassionately in the suffering flesh of others (*EG*, 270).

Today's Readings: Ex 24:3–8; Ps 116:12–13, 15–16, 17–18; Heb 9:11–15; Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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, June 5 – 4:00pm

SAINT BONIFACE An Anglo-Saxon Benedictine monk working as a missionary in what we now call Germany. In 754 he was attacked and killed, along with thirty companions, by those trying to halt the spread of the Christian Faith.

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

Sunday, June 6 – 10:30am CORPUS CHRISTI

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 7 - 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 8 – 8:00am

Father Michael Eugene Tierney R.I.P.

Wednesday, June 9 – 6:00pm in the Evening

SAINT EPHREM From Syria, he was a theologian, poet, and composer of hymns. Founded a theological school at Nisibis (in modern Turkey). Died in 373.

Josephine Beretta R.I.P. by Mary Grechus

Thursday, June 10 – 8:00am

Arlon Meisner by Gail Meisner

Friday, June 11 – 8:00am

FEAST of the SACRED HEART of JESUS A devotion focusing on the love that Jesus has for all of humanity.

Missouri Farmers by Jeffrey & Lisa Kuecker

Saturday, June 12 – 4:00pm

FEAST of the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY A devotion connected to the Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrating that in union with her son, Jesus, Mary as the Mother of the Church cares and loves all her children.

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

Sunday, June 13 – 10:30am ELEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. June 5 th	Gary Starke Bill Summerlin	Howard Goring	Mike Deamos		Peggy Singh	Gary & Teri Starke
Sun. June 6 th	Rick Rankin Mitch Bennett	Emily Rhoad	Hazel Nuelle	Ben Mason Luke Iles	Campbell Family	Bennie and Nancy Spain
Sat. June 12 th	Lisa Kuecker Mike Ryun	Bob Brown	Peggy Singh	Bill Wallpe	Sandy May	Paul & Carita Trent
Sun. June 13 th	Marty Bell Bennie Spain	Rhonda Smith	Kim Mason	Ben Mason Brodie Rankin	Roger Rinne	Mitch & Nicky Bennett

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]

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.wwme4youandme.org. To apply email Tony Zimmerman tonybarbz@prodigy.net or call 816-741-4066

LOOKING FOR A 'FATHER'S DAY'

GIFT FOR DAD?

When looking for a special gift keep in mind the religious items on display in the cabinet in the vestibule and managed by the Altar and Rosary Society. In addition to what is in the cabinet they can get any item in the I. Donnelly Catalog – copy on the table in the vestibule. They only charge what the item costs and postage.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR 'MEALS ON

WHEELS' JUNE 21-25

The Sign-up sheet is on the east table behind the pews.

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

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*

“Certainly, spiritual discernment does not exclude existential, psychological, sociological, or moral insights drawn from the human sciences. At the same time, it transcends them. Nor are the Church’s sound norms sufficient. We should always remember that discernment is a grace. Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them, for it seeks a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us, which takes shape amid so many varied situations and limitations. It involves more than a person’s temporal well-being, personal satisfaction at having accomplished something useful, or even a desire for peace of mind. It has to do with the meaning of one’s life before the Father who knows and loves each of us with a real purpose that nobody knows better than He does. Ultimately, discernment leads to the well-spring of undying life: to know the Father, the only true God, and the one whom He has sent, Jesus Christ. It requires no special abilities, nor is it only for the more intelligent or better educated. The Father readily reveals himself to the lowly.”

Gaudete et Exultate #170

KNIGHTS COUNCIL FISH FRY THIS

MONDAY AT 6:30PM

Men of our parish council of Knights of Columbus will gather for a members-only Fish Fry this Monday, June 7, at the home of Brent and Beth Schlotzhauer – [REDACTED] Thanks to Brent and Beth for hosting this. [REDACTED] is east of town off [REDACTED]

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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – REACTIVATION

MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE 9 AT 6:30PM

Our parish Stewardship Committee has not met since before the start of the pandemic. So, the time has come to try and start things up and running again with a meeting this Wednesday evening, June 9, at 6:30pm in the Upper Meeting Room.

Members of the Committee are Nancy Spain-Chairperson; Virginia Graham, Father Tom Hawkins, Chris Kaiser, Kim Mason, Hazel Nuelle, Mary Rinne, Nancy Spain, John Spiegelhalter and Lisa Kuecker (who is the Liaison with the Parish Council), and anyone else who wants to help.

MISSION STATEMENT of SAINT MARY'S STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"The Stewardship Committee of Saint Mary's Catholic Church recognizes that all have been gifted by God. We commit ourselves to promote and encourage spirituality and discipleship by inspiring our parishioners to use their time, talent and treasure for the greater Glory of God."

WELCOME BACK!

WINE & CHEESE

The Fun Committee will be sponsoring a Welcome back to regular Mass with a Wine and Cheese after the 4pm Mass on June the 26th. Save the Date!

More dates to come from our Fun Committee.

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.

KNIGHTS LAUNCH 'NOVENA FOR LIFE' NEXT WEEKEND

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and of the Knights of Columbus. The Saint Mary's Knights of Columbus are passionately committed to defending the Right to Life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and

bolster this important cause, the St. Mary's Knights will promote a novena (nine days of sustained prayer) to support a culture of Life in our parish, homes, and community. This novena will begin next Saturday, June 12, and end on Father's Day, June 20. We will be praying "Celebrate the Gospel of Life", a prayer drawn from words of Pope John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae". A copy of the prayer is in this bulletin. Additional copies are on the tables at the doors. The Knights ask that each individual and family pray this prayer with them during each of the nine days from Jun 12 to 20. Thank you for supporting the Knights and the Church in activities to protect Life.

BENEDICTION AT THE END OF MASSES

THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is its old Latin title. In English- the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Which honors the intense Catholic belief that Jesus Christ really is present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is not just a symbol it is a reality.

In conjunction with the celebration of Corpus Christi, Masses next weekend will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. During which incense will be used. Any one with serious breathing problems who might be affected by that is welcome to leave the church early.

COMMUNION SERVICE AT MEYER CARE

THIS TUESDAY

This Tuesday, June 8, at 10am there will be a Holy Communion Service for Catholics of Meyer Care and John Knox in the Gathering Room of Meyer Care.

This usually takes place on the first Friday of the month but had to be moved this month.

Since the visitation of private rooms is not yet permitted, if you have relatives or friends who are residents at Meyer Care or John Knox let them know of this opportunity.

REFLECTIONS FOR

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

"In a 2009 homily, then Pope Benedict XVI offered a meditation on the importance of turning to St. Joseph: "If discouragement overwhelms you, think of the faith of Joseph. If anxiety has its grip on you, think of the hope of Joseph, that descendant of Abraham who hoped against hope. If exasperation or hatred seize you, think of the love of Joseph, who was the first man to set eyes on the human face of God in the person of the Infant conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Let us praise and thank Christ for having drawn so close to us, and for giving us Joseph as an example and model of love for him. "

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

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

According to the Finance Report made at the May meeting of the Parish Council, our Parish Income for June 1 to May 19 of 2021 has been \$152,576. Our Parish Expense for the same period has been \$141,461. For a Difference of \$11,115. Thanks to all our contributors. Every employed adult should be contributing to the support of their church in proportion to their means. People who regularly attend Mass at a church should be registered and contributing members of that parish. Registration Forms are available at the doors. If you have not been getting mailings from the parish, you are not registered with us. We invite you to become a registered and supporting member.

PANDEMIC DISPENSATION ENDS THIS WEEKEND

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 prayer 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.

From the Pastor's desk
Dear Parishioners,

June 6th

Prayerful Condolences to the family of Rena Thaller and of Pauline Baughman. Please remember them in prayer.

As a parish we are still looking for a Director of Religious Education to organize and manage our Parish School of Religion classes for youth on Sunday mornings.

Summertime is usually used by D.R.E. to plan the class year and order books and materials. This is a part time position which on average takes about 4 hours a week. The D.R.E. must be a practicing Catholic, going to a Sunday Mass every weekend, with a good knowledge of Catholicism and an ability to work with students and teachers. Starting salary is \$18 per hour.

This week I was up at Immaculate Conception Abbey for the annual week of Retreat with Bishop Johnston and priests of our diocese. There is no doubt some who think "I wish I had time to go on Retreat". Well, that is one of the purposes of the Sunday Mass- it is supposed to be a step back from the work-a-day world and a time of spiritual retreat. Which is why the Church makes it an obligation for her children to take part each weekend in a Sunday Mass. Whether you always recognize it or not, it is good for your soul.

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.

Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.



James Paulus M.A.
— *Evangelium Vitae*



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