



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

"LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD . . ."

The Gospel of Mark is nothing if not a testament to the power of parables to illustrate the Good News through story. Jesus was a master storyteller who understood the importance of using images and concepts to which his listeners could relate. A seed, a mustard plant, would symbolize one of Mark's signature focuses: the Kingdom of God.

Centuries earlier, the prophet Ezekiel proclaimed most poetically to the Israelites, recently liberated from Babylonian captivity, that their God was still their hope, their comfort, their rescue, and their shelter. Those refugees would understand the image of the towering cedar as a symbol of their kingdom, cut down, fallen, captured. By restoring their kingdom, their God was giving them a new creation (the replanted shoot) and a new covenant.

Ezekiel said that God would tear off "a tender shoot" (17:22) for this replanting. What does this sound like? Why, Advent, of course, and specifically the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (Isaiah 11:1); and again in Isaiah's Messianic texts we hear: "He grew up before us like a tender shoot" (53:2). Jesse was the father of the great king David and, as we know, Jesus came to be that tender shoot, that blossom, the new Davidic King whose throne, the cross, was once a tree.

God's incarnation in Jesus, born fully human, is the fulfillment of the promise to Ezekiel of the renewed and restored cedar, the new Kingdom. That new creation and covenant exists for us in the Church, through the Holy Spirit making the seed planted within us grow, flourish, and spread. Thus we have the faith and courage to be that visible sign of the Kingdom bringing hope and renewal to the world. We must live Kingdom lives before we can convince others to do so.

Today's Readings: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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 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

Monday, June 14 - 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 15 – 8:00am

Missouri Farmers by Jeffrey & Lisa Keucker

Wednesday, June 16 – 6:00pm in the Evening

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

Thursday, June 17 – 8:00am

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

Friday, June 18 – 8:00am

Father Michael Eugene Tierney R.I.P.

Saturday, June 19 – 4:00pm

SAINT ROMUALD A Benedictine monk who in 980 founded a branch of hermits called the Camaldolese who are devoted to contemplative prayer, strict solitude, perpetual silence, and constant fasting. Died in 1027.

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 20 – 10:30am TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME FATHER'S DAY

For all Fathers, Living and Departed of Saint Mary's Parishioners

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
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
Sat. June 19 th	Gary Starke Bill Summerlin	Bob Brown	Peggy Singh	Howard Goring	Rory & Rhonda Ridinger	Gary & Terie Starke
Sun. June 20 th	Rick Rankin Chris Kaiser	Luke Iles Jace Rankin	Marty Bell	Emily Rhoad	Marty & Kathy Bell	Hazel Nuelle

WELCOME BACK!!!!!!

**WINE & CHEESE! GATHERING FOR ADULTS
AFTER THE 4PM MASS SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

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.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR 'MEALS ON WHEELS'

JUNE 21-25

Our parish works with other congregations of Higginsville to provide volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels on various weeks during the year. It takes about an hour and a half on just one day of the week starting from the Higginsville Senior Center.

The sign-up sheets are on the east table behind the pews. A person does not need to be a member of our parish to do this. All help welcome.

To volunteer (either to be a regular driver or on an as-needed basis) please call Terie Starke at [REDACTED]. Terie is the Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator for our Parish. Thanks to all who help.

Weeks in 2021 when volunteer drivers will be needed are: June 21-25, August 16-20, October 11-15, December 6-10.

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.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

JUNE 22-29

The USCCB promotes a week of prayer for Religious Freedom. Some of the prayer resources include a template for a holy hour and petitions for the prayer of the faithful. Media Advisory: USCCB to Celebrate Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29 | USCCB

KNIGHTS LAUNCH 'NOVENA FOR LIFE'

THIS 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 are promoting a novena (nine days of sustained prayer) to support a culture of Life in our parish, homes, and community. This novena will begin this 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". 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 June 12 to 20. Thank you for supporting the Knights and the Church in activities to protect Life.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

We encourage all to contribute to this year's Catholic Communications Campaign on June 20th. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected stays right here in the Diocese of Kansas City- St. Joseph to support local communications projects, including Catholic Key magazine, diocesan social media, websites, and the Come Home to Communion campaign. The other 50% supports national communications efforts as well as projects in developing countries. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message. Visit www.uscc.org/cc for a social media tool kit, bulletin cover and web ads. Be sure you are following diocesan social media (@DioceseKCSJ on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) to be able to share posts related to the collection.

Weekly Collection from June 6th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,226
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 60
Total Parish Support	\$ 3,286
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

PANDEMIC DISPENSATION

HAS ENDED

Happily, the public health situation has improved to the point where at the start of June, Bishop Johnston lifted 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.

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 

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

JUNE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift to God.

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.

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 Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, when we are at our work, through other human beings and every moment if we are listening. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us to better perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in His own light. In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Holy Spirit.”

Gaudete et Exultate #171

AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM FOR ADULTS

Adults who are not Catholic but are considering conversion and entering the Catholic Church are invited to participate in a series of information sessions starting Tuesday evening, July 6, at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west door of the church-the small parking lot side and come downstairs. There is a small elevator if one has difficulty with stairs.

Anyone who is already a member of the Catholic Church and would like to participate is also welcome.

There will be a charge of \$20 for the printed materials. Sessions will run for about seven months.

Contact the Pastor, Father Tom Hawkins, and let him know to expect you 660-584-3038.

**REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

“In the Litany of Saint Joseph, he is addressed as “Solace of the Afflicted” because he was well-acquainted with a life of troubles, difficulties, misunderstandings, and suffering. But through it all, Joseph remained steadfast in his obedience to the Lord – the true mark of a man of Faith. And so, we can turn to Joseph as our model for how to embrace life’s challenges willingly and selflessly.” *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

**BUILDING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO
MEET THIS SUNDAY**

Members of the parish who have volunteered to serve on the committee: Marty Bell, Mike Esser, Howard Goring, Chris Kaiser, Mike Ryun, and Brent Schlotzhauer. Brent Schlotzhauer is the committee’s Chairperson. Mike Esser is the liaison with the Parish Council.

The Building Committee is scheduled to meet six times a year on the second Sunday of: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Anyone who wants to help with the committee is invited to do so.

D.R.E. WANTED

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 the 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.

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

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

June 13th

For any who may need a reminder – next Sunday, June 20, is ‘Father’s Day’. Time to plan something nice for Dad.

Adults who are not Catholic but are considering conversion and entering the Catholic Church are invited to participate in a series of Instructions starting Tuesday evening July 6, at 7p,m in the Lower Meeting Room. Enter by the west door of the church – the small parking lot side and come downstairs. There is an elevator for those who need assistance with steps.

Anyone who is already a member of the Catholic Church but would like to participate as a basic review of their religion is also welcome.

There will be a charge of \$20 for the printed materials. Sessions will run for about seven months. Contact me and let me know to expect you.

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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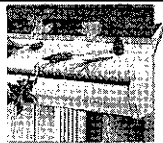
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