



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

SEA AND WIND

As always in Ordinary Time, today's Old Testament reading sets the stage for the Gospel. God, who in Jesus will "rebuke the wind" and "command the sea to be still" (Mark 4:39), "addresses Job out of the storm" (Job 38:1), speaking to the turmoil in Job's heart, calling to mind the primal chaos of creation's untamed sea, reminding Job that God's mighty word then was enough to command order and bring forth life. In today's Gospel, the disciples' fear, even near despair, takes center stage. Are any of us strangers to such emotions? Squall-force winds buffet their boat, waves break over it, and Jesus might as well not be there. Mark's account is especially grim. Alone among the evangelists, he tells us that Jesus is in the stern, the very back of the boat, not just asleep—sound asleep! Only Mark adds the detail, "on a cushion" (4:38).

Though we welcome Jesus in Word and Eucharist Sunday after Sunday, haven't we all, from time to time, experienced Jesus' "real absence"? This personal application should comfort us, as it has generations of disciples before us. Though the "boat" is, primarily, a symbol of the Church, never forsaken by Christ, carried safely across time's stormy waters, Saint Augustine preaching on this very Gospel sixteen hundred years ago noted that, since each of us is a temple of God, each one's heart is a sailing boat. Consider any temptation, says Augustine, as "the wind, the surging of the sea," and do what the disciples did: wake up Christ, "the sleeper in your heart," by recalling his words and commands. Then be like the wind and the sea: "The sea obeys him, the wind is still." Whenever emotions make our hearts turbulent, whenever Christ seems absent or at least asleep, "let us not despair but awaken Christ, so that we may sail in quiet waters, and reach at last our heavenly homeland."

Today's Readings: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

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 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

Monday, June 21 - 8:00am

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA A young man from a wealthy and powerful family, he renounced his inheritance to enter the Jesuits. Died in 1591 at the age of 23 from illness contracted from taking care of sick people. Patron of youth and of students in Jesuit colleges.

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 22 – 8:00am

SAINT JOHN FISHER and SAINT THOMAS MOORE Both were beheaded in 1535 for resisting King Henry VIII seizure of the Church in England. John Fisher, chancellor of Cambridge University, was the only bishop who resisted the takeover – executed on June 22. Thomas Moore who had been Chancellor of England was killed on July 6. Tens of thousands of other Catholics were also executed.

Father Michael Eugene Tierney R.I.P.

Wednesday, June 23 – 6:00pm in the Evening

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

Thursday, June 24 – 8:00am

FEAST of the NATIVITY of JOHN THE BAPTIZER At the Annunciation (celebrated on March 25) the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was six months pregnant. So, this date, three months later, is approximately when John would be born. This day marks the halfway point in the year until Christmas Eve.

Robert Bell R.I.P. by Marty Bell

Friday, June 25 – 8:00am

Arlon Meisner by Mary Meisner.

Saturday, June 26 – 4:00pm

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, June 27 – 10:30am THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Jim Thaller R.I.P. by Dorothy Bell

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. June 19 th	Gary Starke Bill Summerlin	Peggy Singh	Howard Goring	Bob Brown	Gary & Terie Starke	Rory & Rhonda Ridinger
Sun. June 20 th	Rick Rankin Chris Kaiser	Marty Bell	Emily Rhoad	Luke Iles Jace Rankin	Hazel Nuelle	Marty & Kathy Bell
Sat. June 26 th	Lisa Kuecker Bill Wallpe	Mike Esser	Carita Trent	Jack Carroll	Mike & Gail Deamos	Mike & Gloria Ryun
Sun. June 27 th	Mitch Bennett Marty Bell	Nicky Bennett	Brent Schlotzhauer	Cate Cooper Olivia Cowherd	Steve Lock	Kyle & Amor Gassen Family

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.

**WE DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS THIS WEEK
JUNE 21-25**

Monday June 21	Howard Goring & Virginia Graham
	Marlene & Dwaine Edwards
Tuesday June 22	Father Tom & Peggy Singh
	Ralph & Lois Luebrecht
Wednesday June 23	Hazel Nuelle & Kristina Campbell
	Gary & Terie Starke
Thursday June 24	Karen Daniel & Josie McDermed
	Gary & Terie Starke
Friday June 25	Rich Cole & Gretchen Cowherd
	Caroline Moore & Jessica Davenport

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: August 16-20, October 11-15, December 6-10.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FATHER'S DAY

This weekend we celebrate fathers and father figures throughout the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese and the country. As we celebrate each of these exceptional men, we ask for the intercession of St. Joseph and recognize the sacrifices he made to play a role in our salvation. At Catholic Charities, our caring and dedicated case managers are available to support families in need. For more information on how we might be able to assist you or someone you know, contact Sam Womack, Director of Children and Family Services at swomack@ccharities.com or 816-659-8279.

KNIGHTS CONCLUDE '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 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

THIS WEEKEND

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 13th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 1,420
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 227
Total Parish Support	\$ 1,647
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.

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

We need about 6 volunteers (to rotate) to be host or hostess at funerals to serve coffee, water etc. for the family before the funeral begins. You would need to set up a table, make coffee and have water ready with cups, napkins, Kleenex etc. This would only take about an hour to an hour and a half each time. A sign-up sheet is on the east table behind the pews at the back of the church.

RETRouvaille - HELP FOR HURTING

MARRIAGES

In our society, with the pressures of conflicting demands and too little time, personal relationship can be taken for granted. With all the distractions, couples can forget that strong loving relationships take work.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi), comes from a French word for 'rediscovery'. This program helps couples put the pieces back together to rebuild romantic, loving relationships. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples world-wide.

If you want to talk to someone, if you want more information, or if you want to register for a Retrouvaille program in your area call: 1-800-470-2230 anytime. Or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org Information brochures are available at the church doors.

JUNE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

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

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

"It is possible that, even in prayer itself, we could refuse to let ourselves be confronted by the freedom of the Spirit, who acts as He wills. We must remember that prayerful discernment must be born of a readiness to listen to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Only if we are prepared to listen, do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas, our usual habits and ways of seeing things. In this way, we become truly open to accepting a call that can shatter our security but lead us to a better life. It is not enough that everything be calm and peaceful. God may be offering us something more, but in our comfortable inadvertence, we do not recognize it."

Gaudete et Exultate #172

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

“Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat observed the importance of Saint Joseph in the spiritual life when she wrote: ‘What else did Saint Joseph do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model.’” *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

AN INVITATION FROM OUR BISHOP

“We Catholics rightfully speak about and rejoice in the *Real Presence* of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Our faith assures us that Christ is fully and completely present to us in the Holy Eucharist, ‘Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity’ (Gospel of John 6: 52-58). But there is another real presence that is necessary at every celebration of Mass – ours! Our full, conscious, and active participation in the Sacred Liturgy requires our physical presence at Mass. The Sunday celebration of Mass is also the source of our communion and community life together in all our parishes.

“I invite you to return to the *Real Presence* of Christ with your *real presence* at the Mass. If you have returned to the grocery store, the gym, the office or dining in restaurants, you can feel safe in returning to church. Visit www.kcsjatholic.org/comehome for ways to spread the word, invite friends to “Come Home to Communion,” and continue to keep the Lord’s Day sacred.”

Bishop James V. Johnston Jr.

**FROM THE DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE OFFICE
TELL CONGRESS “NO TAXPAYER-FUNDED
ABORTIONS”**

Your voice could help save lives. The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years and is credited with saving the lives of over 2.4 million children to date. Now, some members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortions. You are invited to join our resistance to this effort. The goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition at www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

From the Pastor’s desk
Dear Parishioners,

June 20th

Happy Father’s Day! To all the Dads in our Parish. Our Mass this Sunday is for you and for all our fathers, living and departed.

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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**

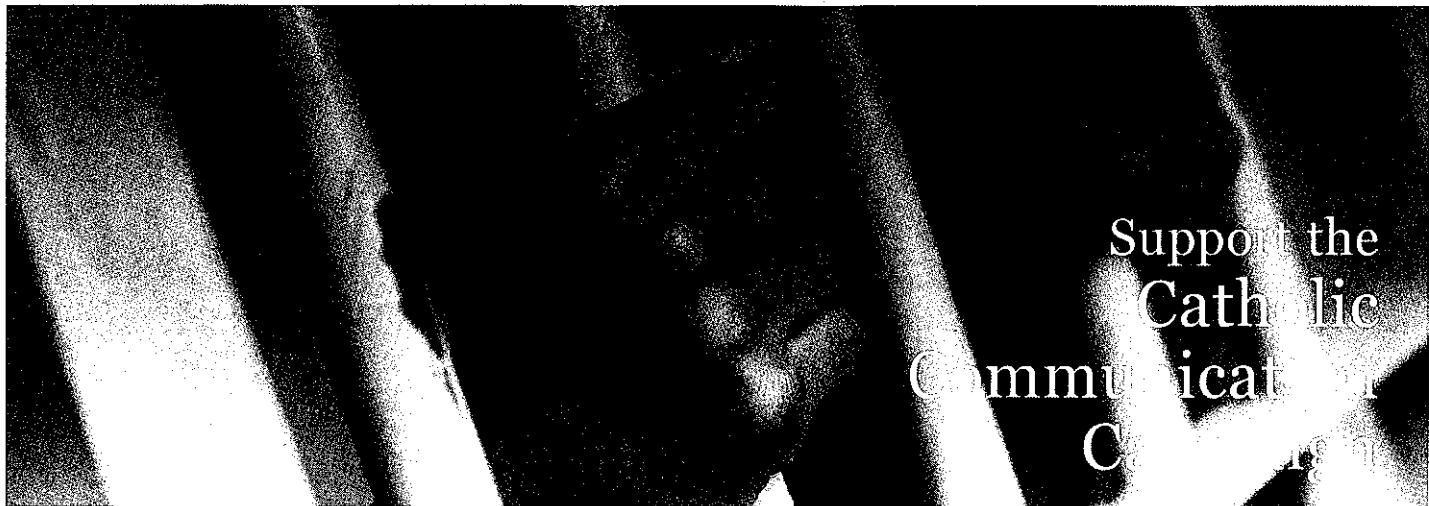
“The Vatican’s doctrinal office issued a note December 21 saying it is ‘morally acceptable’ for Catholics to take vaccines against the coronavirus, in what appears an unprecedented effort to convince believers to inoculate themselves to help end the global pandemic.

“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.

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.



The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is an opportunity to bring truth and hope to people across the United States and around the world through the media and effective communication.

Dedicated to the mission of ending capital punishment, Catholic Mobilizing Network works to incorporate the principles of restorative justice into the U.S. criminal justice system through prayer, education, and advocacy. In 2019 Catholic Mobilizing Network fostered discussion and raised awareness of injustices in capital punishment by creating a study guide to accompany the film *Just Mercy*. The film describes how, in 1988, Walter McMillian was convicted and sentenced to death in Alabama for a crime he did not commit. *Just Mercy* presents the true story of his quest for justice, and the study guide empowers viewers to examine the story through the lens of Catholic teaching on racism, criminal justice, and poverty—elements that impact the issue of capital punishment.

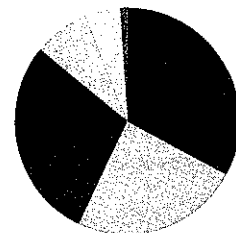
This valuable resource was made possible through the Catholic Communication Campaign. By participating in the campaign, you help foster dialogue around the country on important faith and community issues.

WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half support national projects in the United States and around the world.

2019 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS:

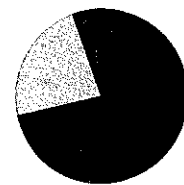
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■ Developing Nations Projects:	\$402,834	11%
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■ Building Media Capacity:	\$332,097	9%
■ Documentaries and Videos:	\$324,438	8%
■ Preserving Church History:	\$208,212	5%
■ Media Training:	\$50,000	1%

EXPENSES

■ Allocations-Internal Grants*	71.55%
■ Grants and Donations	23.07%
■ Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	4.02%
■ Program Costs	1.36%
Total Expenses	
Including Internal Grants	\$4,138,187



*Catholic News Service, *USCCB.org* and other projects of the bishops' conference

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.



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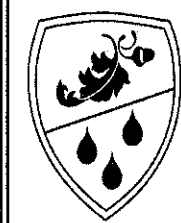
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