



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

JUST HAVE FAITH

Jairus' daughter is the child of an important, privileged man, who publicly seeks out Jesus and loudly proclaims—and demonstrates—his faith, “falling at Jesus’ feet and pleading earnestly with him” (5:22–23). The anonymous woman virtually “sneaks up behind” Jesus and, though clearly filled with faith, keeps that faith to herself until Jesus draws “the whole truth” out of her after her cure (5:27–28, 33). All the more impressive, then, that Jesus delays his healing of the seemingly “more important” and younger woman for the unknown, truly marginalized older woman. Returning to the “domestic church,” so to speak, of Jairus’ house from the public setting of the older woman’s cure, Mark tells us that Jairus’ daughter has died. In the face of a hopelessness even more definitive than that of the hemorrhaging woman, people tell Jairus “why trouble the teacher any longer?” (5:35). But Jesus does not consider his response to Jairus’ faith hopeless or a bother: “Do not be afraid; just have faith” (5:36). Despite death’s apparent triumph at Jairus’ home, Jesus grasps the child’s hand—even though the law prohibited touching the dead—and bids her, “*Talitha kum*—Little girl, I say to you, arise!” (5:41).

So Mark seems to be asking us: Like Jairus on his way home or like the woman after twelve years, will we wonder, why bother? Or keep walking in faith with Jesus? Is a silent touch of Jesus’ garment—a quiet prayer of faith—enough for us? In the face of apparent hopelessness, will we choose faith over despair despite the ridicule of the crowd, remembering that Jesus has grasped us by the hand in baptism and commanded us to rise? Note the Gospel’s ending: after bidding Jairus’ daughter rise, Jesus commands that she be given something to eat (5:43). So, too, Jesus invites us now to feast at his eucharistic sacrifice and banquet!

Today's Readings: Wis 1:13–15; 2:23–24; Ps 30:2, 4–6, 11–13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13–15;

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, 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

Monday, June 28 - 8:00am

SAINT IRENAEUS Born in Smyrna (in present day Turkey) he learned the Faith under Saint Polycarp (martyred at age 85 in 155). Polycarp as a boy had learned the Faith from the elderly John the Evangelist, the 'Beloved Disciple' who was present at the Crucifixion of Jesus. Irenaeus was bishop of Lyons (in what is now France and wrote against the heresies of his time Martyred in 202.

Communion Service

Tuesday, June 29 – 8:00am

SAINT PETER and SAINT PAUL The apostolic pillars of the Church of Rome both martyred in the time of the Emperor Nero in about the year 65. Peter, fisherman from Galilee, was crucified upside down. Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City is built over Peter's grave. Paul, author of most the Epistles in the New Testament, was beheaded. Saint Paul's Outside the Walls is built over his grave.

Alma Beck & Joyce Kays by Margie Weller

Wednesday, June 30 – 6:00pm in the Evening

FIRST MARTYRS of the CHURCH of ROME Honoring the many men, women, and children tortured, crucified and burned alive for their Christian Faith under Nero in the year 64. The writings of Roman historian Tacitus and of Pope Saint Clement record this tragic event.

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

Thursday, July 1 – 8:00am

SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA Franciscan missionary from Spain who arrived in California in 1750. Established nine of the California missions. Died 1784

Intentions of Mary Grechus by Mark, Marcia, Matt, Monte & families

Friday, July 2 – 8:00am

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

Saturday, July 3 – 4:00pm

SAINT THOMAS the APOSTLE Famous for doubting the report of the other Apostles that they had seen the Crucified Jesus resurrected and alive. In southern India, ancient Catholic communities claim to have been founded by Thomas. Patron Saint of those troubled with unwanted doubts and fears.

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 4 – 10:30am FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

THE FOURTH OF JULY- AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY

For the Welfare of Our Nation

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. June 26 th	Lisa Kuecker Bill Walpe	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
Sat. July 3 rd	Bill Summerlin Mike Ryun	Sandy May	Barbara Beck	Howard Goring	Bill & Carol Summerlin	Mike & Gloria Ryun
Sun. July 4 th	Bennie Spain Marty Bell	Mike Deamos	Nancy Spain	Ben Mason Brodie Rankin	Steve Lock Roger Rinne	Dwaine & Marlene Edwards

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*

“The attitude of listening for God entails obedience to the Gospel as the ultimate standard, but also to the teaching authority of the Church that guards it, as we seek to find in the treasury of the Church whatever is most fruitful for the ‘today’ of salvation. It is not a matter of applying rules or repeating what was done in the past, since the same solutions are not valid in all circumstances and what was useful in one context may not prove so in another. The discernment of spirits liberates us from rigidity, which has no place before the perennial ‘today’ of the risen Lord. The Spirit alone can penetrate what is obscure and hidden in every situation, and grasp its every nuance, so that the newness of the Gospel can emerge in another light.”

Gaudete et Exultate #173

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed to this cause we raised \$585. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

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.

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL AFTER 4PM

MASS THIS SATURDAY

For those reading this bulletin on Saturday, June 26 – there is a social gathering after the 4pm Mass. Downstairs on the lower level of the church. Just to celebrate that after the long separations of the pandemic shut-down, things are starting to get back to ‘normal’. Please come for a little visitation and relaxation.

CATHOLIC COMMUNION SERVICE

THIS FRIDAY AT MEYER CARE – 10am

Father Hawkins will be at Meyer Care this Friday, July 2, to conduct a Communion Service at 10am for the Catholic residents of Meyer Care and John Knox. If you have relatives or friends there please let them know of this opportunity. You are welcome to attend with them. This usually happens in the Gathering Room of Meyer Care. After Communion we will pray the Rosary.

HEALING FROM GUN VIOLENCE

The Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, MO is offering a video reflection and invitation to prayer in response to the scourge of gun violence. “We find ourselves at a time in Kansas City and in the United States suffering from heartache, fear and death caused by gun violence. Our prayer is threefold: to lament the reality of gun violence; intercede for healing and transformation; and to commission our community to act to bring about a time when gun violence and bloodshed are things of the past.”

For this and other offerings of the Fathers of the Precious Blood go to programs@pbrenewalcenter.org or pbrenewalcenter.org.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

Do you find change difficult?

Well, give it to the Loose Change Collection next weekend at the end of Mass. So we can use it to improve the sound of our church video system. Thank you.

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.

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.

PARISH POOL PARTY – SATURDAY

JULY 10th AFTER MASS

We are renting the Higginsville Pool in Fairground Park for a free parish swim party after Mass on Saturday, July 10.

The Knights will serve free hotdogs and chips at the park at 5:30pm. The pool opens at 6:30pm. Swim until 8pm. You are welcome to bring a friend.

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.

CRUSILLO RETREATS IN JULY

Two Crusillo 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 to 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 a brush-up try a Crusillo weekend.

For more information contact Marty Bell: [REDACTED]

REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

“In the light of abuse scandals in the Church, Catholics have to be honest about a need for reform in their Church. No reform is possible, without saints who respond to the will of God with hearts full of love, Saint Joseph offers us by his own witness many of the virtues the Church needs to magnify.”

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.kcsj catholic.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 27th

The Loose Change Collection is going to make a comeback next weekend, now that things are getting back to ‘normal’.

For those who may need a reminder – the Loose Change Collection happens at the end of Mass on the first weekend of the month. It’s an opportunity to donate whatever pennies, nickels and dimes you have on you as a reminder that every donation to the parish makes a positive difference.

During the pandemic there were bags at the doors if anyone wanted to donate loose change but we’ve not done anything with the money that’s been collected going back for quite awhile.

On June 9, at the first meeting of the Stewardship Committee in more than 15 months, we discussed what we could do with the loose change that has been accumulating.

You may recall that our Knights of Columbus, as part of their centennial anniversary, used the new video screen in church to show a film about their namesake Christopher Columbus. The picture quality was good but the sound was inadequate for the size of the building so the Stewardship Committee is planning to use Loose Change money to professionally connect the video screen into the church sound system.

So that is where any pennies, nickels, dimes and whatever else may be given next weekend will be going.

And speaking of improvements – the Parish Council is moving toward two upgrades to our facility. One is going to come about because the diocesan insurance office, due to multiple incidents of theft, has been pressuring parishes to protect church air-conditioners from vandals with fencing.

And the other (after years of discussion by the Council) is a more secure east-door, in place of the glass one that is presently there.

It is likely you will see these changes before the summer is over.

Onward and upward!

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins



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