



# 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

## I DON'T GET NO RESPECT

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was "I don't get no respect!" You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow "local boy makes good" just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnic-ity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves "spiritual but not religious" or are labeled "nones." Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

**Today's Readings:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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, 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*

**Monday, July 5 - 8:00am**

**SAINT ANTHONY ZACCARIA** A medical doctor who then studied to become a priest. Founded a religious order dedicated to the reform of society. Died 1539

**SAINT ELIZABETH** of PORTUGAL She was named after her great-aunt Elizabeth of Hungary and like her was a queen, a mother, a peacemaker and a lover of the poor. Died 1336. One of the patron saints of Catholic Charities.

*Communion Service*

**Tuesday, July 6 – 8:00am**

**SAINT MARIA GORETTI** An innocent farm girl who at the age of 12 was stabbed multiple times by a teenage boy for resisting his attempts to rape her. She died (1902) in a hospital praying for her attacker. Considered a Christian Martyr. In our age when innocence is little valued and sexual promiscuity is rampant, Maria Goretti is a patron saint for those who seek in their own life to exercise Christian morality when dealing with sexual issues.

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

**Wednesday, July 7 – Wednesday Evening Mass is on Summer Break**

**Thursday, July 8 – 8:00am**

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

**Friday, July 9 – 8:00am**

**SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG** and the MARTYRS of CHINA This day honors the memory of 120 men, women and children (ranging from 9 years of age to 71) killed in China for their Catholic Faith between 1648 and 1930. Augustine Zhao Rong was a soldier who delivered a Catholic bishop to his execution and was so moved by the bishop's courage that he sought baptism, became a diocesan priest and was himself martyred in 1815.

*Dale Parker R.I.P. by Anita Parker*

**Saturday, July 10 – 4:00pm**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased*

**Sunday, July 11 – 10:30am FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Richard J. Peters R.I.P. by Scott & Kristina Campbell*

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Summerlin Mike Ryun	Sandy May	Barbara Beck	Howard Goring	Bill & Carol Summerlin	Mike & Gloria Ryun
Sun. July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bennie Spain Marty Bell	Mike Deamos	Nancy Spain	Ben Mason Brodie Rankin	Steve Lock Roger Rinne	Dwaine & Marlene Edwards
Sat. July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Beck Jack Carroll	Bob Brown	Gail Deamos	Bill Wallpe	Peggy Singh	Larry & Teresa Hoepner
Sun. July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Rankin Mitch Bennett	Rich Cole	Kim Mason	Ethan & Grayson Thompson	Brent & Kathy Cooper Family	Josh & Sarah Thompson Family

**REFLECTIONS FOR  
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

“Saint Joseph has been praised throughout the Church’s tradition as ‘Most Chaste’. Sadly, chastity is a virtue greatly undervalued in our society.

Saint Joseph’s chaste heart is what enabled him to be single hearted in his dedication to his responsibilities as the foster father of Jesus. As Saint Bridget of Sweden observed, “So perfectly was he dead to the world and the flesh, that he desired nothing but the things of heaven.” *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

**KNIGHTS MEET THIS MONDAY**

Our local Knights Council will meet this Monday, July 5, at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room. July is when each council of Knights starts a new activity year with a new slate of officers who must come up with a new slate of officers who must come up with an action plan for the coming 12 months. All Knights are invited to participate. Bring your ideas.

**NO ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING THIS MONTH**

The Altar and Rosary Society usually meets the first Tuesday of the month but is now on summer break. The next ‘Altar and Rosary’ meeting will be the first Tuesday of September.

**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](http://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)

**From the Pastor’s desk**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Happy Birthday America! Number 245!

If you have signed up for the Introduction to Catholicism sessions I am hosting (starting this Tuesday evening, July 6) bring your ‘smart-phone’ or your ‘iPad’ – if you happen to have one. And if you want to, you can bring your own Bible. You do not have to bring these or anything but if you happen to have something you use to search the internet bring it along.

For those who may not have seen it in my Pastor’s Letter last weekend – this weekend the Loose Change collection is back.

It was our parish’s quaint custom for sometime that a collection of loose change happened at the end of Mass on the first weekend of the month as a reminder that every donation to the parish makes a positive difference.

During the pandemic we stopped that although there were bags at the doors if anyone wanted to donate. But we have not done anything with the money that has been collected going back for quite a while. 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 this 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*

## **LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Do you find change difficult? Well, give it to the Loose Change Collection this 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 – NEXT SATURDAY JULY 10<sup>th</sup> AFTER MASS**

We are renting the Higginsville Pool in Fairground Park for a free parish swim party after Mass this coming 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](http://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:   


## 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*

“An essential condition for progress in discernment is a growing understanding of God’s patience and his timetable, which are never our own. God does not pour down fire upon those who are unfaithful, nor allow the zealous to uproot the tares growing among the wheat. Generosity also is demanded, for ‘it is more blessed to give than to receive’.

Discernment is not about discovering what more we can get out of this life, but about recognizing how we can better accomplish the mission entrusted to us at our baptism. This entails a readiness to make sacrifices, even to sacrificing everything. For happiness is a paradox. We experience it most when we accept the mysterious logic that is not of this world: ‘This is our logic,’ says Saint Bonaventure, pointing to the cross. Once we enter this dynamic, we will not let our consciences be numbed and we will open ourselves generously to discernment.

*Gaudete et Exultate #174*

## AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM FOR ADULTS STARTS THIS TUESDAY

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 this 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](mailto: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 & CHEESE THANK YOU

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Fun Committee’s first event of the year. It was a wonderful turnout! Thank you to Lisa Kuecker, Kim Mason, Sandy May, Virginia Graham, Hazel Nuelle and Father Tom for their help behind the scenes.

## 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](mailto:programs@pbrenewalcenter.org) or [pbrenewalcenter.org](http://pbrenewalcenter.org).

### Weekly Collection from June 27<sup>th</sup>

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,579
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