



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

TWO BY TWO

Did you ever wonder why Jesus sent them out two by two? Not threes, not groups of four? Perhaps it is just the most practical configuration. Recall that in last week's Gospel Jesus was not accepted in his own town and was astonished by the lack of faith that he found there. The disciples would be too new in their faith to know how to deal with that kind of rejection. With three you always end up two against one. With a pair, the two could support each other emotionally and spiritually, and lift each other up in prayer. When traveling, having a companion was much safer than being on one's own, and if there were treacherous spots in the journey, they could help each other through. If you were begging for lodging, two might be able to get in, while a larger group might not be so fortunate. The Gospel gives no indication of who the partners were, but presumably they were sent in combinations that made each pair the strongest proclaimers of Christ. They were able to drive off many demons and cure illnesses.

Jesus told the pairs of disciples, "Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." Jesus is preparing the disciples for the experience he had in his home town. This is how you behave when you are not accepted. He didn't tell them to curse them or threaten them, just simply shake off the dust and move on. Rejection is a hard thing for any of us, and Jesus is teaching us how to handle it, as if to say "Pick your battles." This is a good reminder to us all in a time and culture when the climate is so politically charged. Know when it is best to shake the dust and walk away from social media, from an angry word, or from something that won't turn out well. Respond and stay true to your calling.

Today's Readings: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

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 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

Monday, July 12 - 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 13 – 8:00am

SAINT HENRY As Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Henry II, together with his wife, Saint Cunegunda, assisted the poor and fostered church reform. Died 1024

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

Wednesday, July 14 – Wednesday Evening Mass is on Summer Break

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA A native north American maiden she accepted the Catholic Faith despite ridicule and abuse. Led a life of great austerity and charity. Died at the age of 24. Called "Lilly of the Mohawks"

Thursday, July 15 – 8:00am

SAINT BONAVENTURE A highly educated monk who became head of the Franciscan order and was made a Cardinal of the Church. Author of several biblical and spiritual books. Died in 1274.

Dale Parker R.I.P. by Anita Parker

Friday, July 16 – 8:00am

OUR LADY of MOUNT CARMEL Honorary title of Mary as patroness of the Carmelite monks and nuns. Carmel is the mount of Galilee where the Prophet Elijah was active in Old Testament times. The Carmelites began there at the beginning of the 13th century when several men bonded together to live in prayerful simplicity.

Arlon Meisner by Gail Meisner

Saturday, July 17 – 4:00pm

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 18 – 10:30am SIXTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Martha Anderson R.I.P. by Karen Schroeder

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. July 10 th	Robert Beck Jack Carroll	Bob Brown	Howard Goring	Bill Wallpe	Peggy Singh	Larry & Teresa Hoepner
Sun. July 11 th	Rick Rankin Mitch Bennett	Rich Cole	Kim Mason	Ethan & Grayson Thompson	Brent & Kathy Cooper Family	Josh & Sarah Thompson Family
Sat. July 17 th	Gary Starke Bill Wallpe	Charley Hare	Carita Trent	Bob Brown	Paul & Carita Trent Family	Bill & Rita Wallpe
Sun. July 18 th	Marty Bell Bennie Spain	Chris Kaiser	Nicky Bennett	Luke Iles Jace Rankin	Hazel Nuelle Roger Rinne	Brian & Jamie Iles Family

TO FIND OUR PARISH MASS ON THE INTERNET

Go to YouTube.com then search for Saint Mary's Higginsville MO there is also a link from our parish website www.stmarysinhigginville.org

**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 – THIS SATURDAY
JULY 10th AFTER MASS**

If you are reading this bulletin on Saturday- there is a pool party after Mass. We are renting the Higginsville Pool in Fairground Park for a free parish swim party.

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.

**INQUIRY PHASE FOR MEN TO
BE ORDAINED A DEACON**

Years ago, when Rev. Ron Elliott first came to Saint Mary’s as administrator of the parish, he came as a married Deacon.

It takes about two years of preparation to qualify for the diaconate. Our diocese is now beginning an inquiry phase for men who may be interested in a vocation as an ordained Catholic deacon. There will be discernment sessions throughout this summer and fall. If you would like to find out more, visit: www.kcsj catholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate/ to view requirements. Or phone the Diaconate Office at 816-714-2302

CRUSILLO RETREATS IN JULY

Two Crusillo Retreats will be held in July at Immaculate Conception Abbey in the northwest corner of Missouri (About 1hour 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 informaiton contact Marty Bell: ~~816-714-2302~~

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.

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

“When, in God’s presence, we examine our life’s journey, no areas can be off limits. In all aspects of life, we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and to expel the fear that makes us ban Him from certain parts of our lives. God asks everything of us, yet He also gives everything to us. He does not want to enter our lives to cripple or diminish them, but to bring them to fulfillment. Discernment, then, is not a self-centered self-analysis or a form of egotistical introspection, but an authentic process of leaving ourselves behind in order to approach the mystery of God, who helps us to carry out the mission to which He has called each of us, for the good of our brothers and sisters.”

Gaudete et Exultate #175

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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

AT THE CATHEDRAL – SEPT 26

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2021 are invited to a special Mass (at 9am or 11am) at the Cathedral in downtown Kansas City on Sunday, September 26.

The celebration includes the presentation by Bishop Johnston of a small gift.

This is also for any couples not able to be physically present but would like to receive an acknowledgement.

If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary this year and would like to take part – a reservation must be made through the Parish Office 660-584-3038 before the end of August.

HARVESTORS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

THIS THURSDAY

NOTE TIME CHANGE– NOW 9:30 to 11am

The monthly distribution of free food from Harvesters is a great blessing for anyone in need of food assistance.

That will be this Thursday, July 15, as happens the third Thursday of each month.

Food give-away starts at 9:30 and stops at 11am. There is usually an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit. Sometimes canned goods and sometimes meat. It depends on whatever the distribution warehouse sends.

There are no requirements, but participants must get a number (starting at 8am) and are served in sequence.

Participants no longer must bring boxes to carry the food- because of the pandemic people stay in their cars and the packaged foodstuffs are placed directly into the trunks of the car. Trunks should be cleared out so there is space for the food supplies.

This will be at First Assembly of God Church, 1050 W 19th Street in Higginsville. Just east of Walmart.

Able-bodied volunteers are needed to do the distribution. Volunteers begin work at about 8am when the food arrives by truck from Kansas City; it needs to be unloaded and arranged. Clean-up lasts until about 1pm.

The Ministerial Fellowship is inviting members of all congregations and all the community to join in this effort.

For more information contact the President of the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship, Rev. Dale Felder 660-584-6289.

All Help Welcome!

Weekly Collection from July 4th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,335
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 130
Total Parish Support	\$ 3,465
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

**REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

“At Holy Communion when we hold in our hand the consecrated Eucharist, we are holding the Divine One whom Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth held in his arms first as a newborn infant and then as a child.

In the same way that Saint Joseph was responsible for the gift of God that was entrusted to him, we are responsible for the gift of God entrusted to each of us.

What a beautiful reminder to pattern our lives after Saint Joseph, because the special role God charged him with is like the call to holy responsibility entrusted to each one of us.”

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

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT JULY 23–25

Women and men experiencing the pain of a past abortion decision have found physical, emotional and spiritual healing through the safe and confidential weekend retreats offered through Rachel’s Vineyard.

For additional information, visit

www.rachelsvineyard.org. To learn more about upcoming retreats, call 516.679.4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com.

GABRIEL PROJECT -

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Women facing an unplanned pregnancy often feel under stress, but it does not have to be that way. Our diocese is reaching out to offer support to women, babies, and families through the Gabriel Project ministry. Visit gabrielprojectkc.com to see how. For more information, contact Teresa at theopenner@diocesekcsj.org or 816-714-2375

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION THANK YOU

Thanks to those who donated \$121 in last weekend’s Loose Change collection. The money is going toward improved the sound of our church video system. Thanks to all who took part.

There will be another ‘Loose Change Collection’ on the first weekend of next month.

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

July 11th

Hazel Nuelle (now retired from being our long-time Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper) is celebrating a significant birthday this weekend. To me she seems much younger. Thanks to her for the many ways she continues to keep involved and our parish glued together.

Father Jim Healy (the visiting priest with the jokes) continues his journey through his extensive cancer treatments and thanks those who are helping him with their prayers. A lot has happened.

He has been to KU hospital for a chemo treatment that killed all the cells in his bone marrow, after which he received an infusion of new cells through a catheter in his chest. As was expected, this resulted in a hospital stay of 12 days of miserable side effects, but the blood count numbers improved enough for him to eventually be released to his home. Where he must remain in complete isolation for two weeks, except for trips to KU Med for various evaluations and treatments.

He writes: “During all this I was blessed with many cards and prayers to sustain me through this ordeal. For that I am most grateful. Your support bolstered my flagging strength as I was humbled by the side effects.”

If anybody wants all the details let me know and I will give you a copy.

Let us keep Father Jim in our prayers.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

Father Tom Hawkins

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE MINISTRY

The diocesan Human Rights Office regularly hosts training and informational sessions for volunteers and donors interested in helping individuals and families within the local immigrant community who need assistance. For information contact Raiza at guevaara@diocesekcsj.org or phone 816-756-1850, ext. 521.



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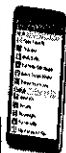
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