



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

TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting "all they had done and taught." A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to "be by ourselves" as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of "sheltering in place" these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I'm guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them "Okay, people are settled now, so let's leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet." None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can't take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

Today's Readings: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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, July 17 – 4:00pm

Vince Santa Maria and his Intentions

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

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, July 19 - 8:00am

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 20 – 8:00am

SAINT APOLLINARIS He was ordained a bishop by Saint Peter himself and sent as a missionary to Ravenna where he suffered greatly for the faith and was eventually martyred

Dale Parker R.I.P. by Anita Parker

Wednesday, July 21 – Wednesday Evening Mass is on Summer Break

SAINT LAWRENCE of BRINDISI A Capuchin monk. He was a master of languages, diplomat and military chaplain. Died in 1619

Thursday, July 22 – 8:00am

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE An early follower of Jesus and one of the few present at his crucifixion. Much beloved as a great sinner who found new life in Christ.

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

Friday, July 23 – 8:00am

SAINT BRIDGET Born in Sweden. Mother of eight children. A mystic and foundress of an order of Nuns (the Bridgetines). She protested against the luxury of the papacy during it's time in Avignon, France and sought the return of the Pope to Rome. Died 1373.

Communion Service

Saturday, July 24 – 4:00pm

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF A monk devoted to the Virgin Mary, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit teaching by example the value of poverty, self-sacrifice and prayer. Died in 1898.

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, July 25 – 10:30am SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Jeffrey Campbell R.I.P. by Scott and Kristina Campbell

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
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
Sat. July 24 th	Lisa Kuecker Bill Summerlin	Gail Deamos	Peggy Singh	Mike Deamos	Barbara Beck Sandy May	Bill & Carol Summerlin
Sun. July 25 th	Rick Rankin Chris Kaiser	Marty Bell	Beth Schlotzhauer	Ben Mason Luke Iles	Hazel Nuelle	Brent & Beth Schlotzhauer

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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

MEETS MONDAY

Members of the Stewardship Committee will meet this Monday, July 19, at 6pm in the meeting room on the backside of the church, enter by the south door.

Members of the Committee are: Nancy Spain-Chairperson; Virginia Graham, Father Tom Hawkins, Chris Kaiser, Kim Mason, Hazel Nuelle, Mary Rinne, John Spiegelhalter and Lisa Kuecker. And anyone else who wants to help.

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.

MISSION APPEAL BY VISITING

PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, July 24 and 25, Father Gianantonio Baggio will be here for the annual Mission Appeal. Father Johnny, as he likes to be called, is from Italy and a member of the Congregation of the Missionaires of Saint Charles, popularly called the Scalabrinians.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS THIS

WEDNESDAY JULY 21

Members of the Parish Council are reminded of the meeting of the Council, this Wednesday evening, July 21, at 7pm in the Lower Meeting Room.

Among items on the Agenda: review of the Parish Budget for the past fiscal year and the projected budget for the coming fiscal year. Also, the half-year update report on the parish cemetery and a review of where things are with several pending projects.

Members of the Saint Mary's Parish Council are: Mike Esser, Presiding President; Kristina Campbell-Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper; Carita Trent Social Outreach, (open position) Director of Religious Education; Josie McDermed -Altar Society; Marty Bell- Knights of Columbus; Mike Esser – Liaison to the Building Committee; Rhonda Smith- Adult Education; Steve Vetter – Youth Groups. At Large Members are: Mike Esser, Lisa Kuecker, Karen Schroeder, Peggy Singh and Carita Trent.

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

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.

SUMMER REGIONAL EVENTS

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

The One Call Institute (OCI) seeks to form young people and their advocates to live the call of the Gospel through the ministries of music, prayer and social justice. This OCI Regional event will lead participants in breaking open what it means to “live the call of the Gospel”. Through ministerial formation, faith sharing, music, and prayer we will engage young people and their adult advocates to examine how they personally and communally respond to their baptismal call to discipleship. *You are the Body of Christ* will take place in Independence MO at Nativity of Mary August 5-7 of 2021. Learn more and register at www.onecallinstitute.org/regionals the registration fee is \$25 which covers meals and tuition.

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*

“I would like these reflections to be crowned by Mary, because she lived the Beatitudes of Jesus as none other. She is that woman who rejoiced in the presence of God, who treasured everything in her heart, and who let herself be pierced by the sword. Mary is the saint among the saints blessed above all others. She teaches us her way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us. Our converse with her consoles, frees and sanctifies us. Mary our Mother does not need a flood of words. She does not need us to tell her what is happening in our lives. All we need do is whisper, time and time again: Hail Mary... .”

Gaudete et Exultate #176

JULY STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

In living a life of stewardship, our starting point is the recognition that everything is a gift from God. Our nation's founders realized this when drafting the Declaration of Independence as they included this reference to God. *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness”*. As Stewards of the Church, the 4th of July reminds us of the importance of Religious Freedom. By David Kissell

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.

FROM THE DIOCESAN RESPECT FOR LIFE

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 the resistance to this effort. The goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition at www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph must have been chosen to be the protector and provider for the Holy Family because God knew him to be a good and prudent man. For that reason one of the titles employed in the Litany of Saint Joseph is "Joseph most prudent".

Prudence is correct knowledge about things that should be done and, more importantly, things that ought not to be done and should be avoided. We live in a time when prudence is often not practiced by persons who just crash into an action without considering the consequences and then are entrapped in the results.

Let us take Saint Joseph as our model to prudently consider carefully in advance any serious decisions that we make. *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 theopener@diocesekcsj.org or 816-714-2375

Please Pray for Caroline Moore's granddaughter, Caroline Elizabeth Moore. She is 15 and has been diagnosed with cancer recently started chemo treatments.

From the Pastor's desk
Dear Parishioners,

July 18th

Thank you to everyone who made the parish summer swim party last Saturday very pleasant and a lot of fun.

Next weekend we will have a visiting priest, Father Johnny, to make the annual appeal for support of the missions.

Those who set up for Mass when we have a visitor, please be prepared to lend a hand.

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.

**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.

Weekly Collection from July 11th

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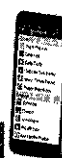


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