



# 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

## THE READINGS AT MASS DON'T ALWAYS SEEM TO FIT TOGETHER

On the greatest feasts and solemnities of the Church's liturgical year, the three readings are chosen to all apply to the theme or the event being celebrated. During Ordinary Time, however, only the Jewish scriptures/Old Testament selections are chosen to go with the Gospel. The second reading makes its way independently through the New Testament letters and often appears to have a very different message.

Today's readings, however, present us with that happy coincidence of a Sunday in Ordinary Time in which all three readings are very much closely connected—a connection that we might describe as God's generosity in nurturing the people so that they can in turn "nourish" each other by their acts of service and charity.

In John's Gospel, Jesus insists over and over that he is the bread of life; when he sees that some of his listeners find this hard to believe, he insists on it even more strongly. Note that centuries before the Christians celebrate Jesus as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, the psalmist sings, "Taste and see how good the Lord is!"

John's Gospel contains no blessing of the Bread and Cup that the Church uses to consecrate the bread and wine. What John does have is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and commanding them to wash each other's feet, which is to say, to serve each other without regard to station or rank. He also gives a long, prayerful discourse in which he gives the "new commandment" to love one another. Receiving Holy Communion is much more than a "me and Jesus" moment, although that is undoubtedly a precious encounter. Ultimately, our reception of the Bread of Life attains its fullness only in our mutual love and service in our communities and beyond.

God fed Elisha to strengthen him on his journey. God fed the Israelites with manna on their journey in the wilderness. Today, we receive from God the Bread of Life for strength in whatever journey we are on.

Today's Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**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, August 7 – 4:00pm**

**SAINT SIXTUS II and COMPANION MARTYRS** Commemorating the capture and beheading in the year 258 by Roman soldiers of Pope Sixtus II and four deacons assisting him at Mass in the catacombs.

*Carol Unger and her Intentions – for her Birthday*

**Sunday, August 8 – 10:30am NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased*

**Monday, August 9 - 8:00am**

**SAINT THERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS** As a young Jewish woman named Edith Stein (born 1891) she studied and taught philosophy at universities in Germany. Inspired by writings of St. Teresa of Avila, at the age of 31 she was baptized and became a Carmelite Nun. In 1939 because of the Nazi persecution of Jews, her religious superiors moved her to a convent in Holland in attempt to keep her safe. During the German occupation of Holland in 1942 she was arrested and sent to be killed in the concentration camp of Auschwitz.

*Communion Service*

**Tuesday, August 10 – 8:00am Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Founding of Missouri**

**SAINT LAWRENCE** Four days after Pope Sixtus II and his companions were martyred in 258. Roman authorities tracked down the Deacon Lawrence and on a large iron gridiron over a fire executed him. Tradition says the authorities offered to spare his life if he would turn over the treasures of the church to which Lawrence replied that the greatest treasures of the Church are poor people in need.

*For God's Blessing on all residents of Missouri- in celebration of our State's Bicentennial*

**Wednesday, August 11 – Wednesday Evening Mass is on Summer Break**

**SAINT CLARE** A young woman of Assisi who was a disciple of Saint Francis and with him the founder of the Franciscan Sisters called the Poor Clares in her honor. Died 1253

**Thursday, August 12 – 8:00am**

**SAINT JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL** Wife of a Baron and mother of six children, as a widow with the guidance of Saint Francis de Sales in 1610 she founded the Visitation Nuns. Establishing 85 convents before her death in 1641.

*Communion Service*

**Friday, August 13 – 8:00am**

**SAINT PONTIAN, POPE and SAINT HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST** These two saints had serious disagreements over theological issues of the time. Arrested by the Roman authorities they were sent to work in the mines of Sardinia where they were reconciled. They died from their sufferings in 235. Pontian was the first Pope to abdicate the Papacy, which he did in order to make way for a successor.

*Communion Service*

**Saturday, August 14 – 4:00pm**

**SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE** Franciscan monk who as a prisoner in Auschwitz concentration camp in 1941, volunteered to take the place of a man (a father with children) who had been condemned to die because of an escape. Failing to die after being starved for days he was executed by lethal injection.

*Carl & Mary Arnett R.I.P. by Jeffrey & Lisa Kuecker*

**Sunday, August 15 – 10:30am FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased*

<b>St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Servers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Offertory Gifts</b>
Sat. Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Beck Bill Summerlin	Bob Brown	Carol Summerlin	Bill Wallpe	Sandy May	Colleen Starnier Carita Trent
Sun. Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Bell Roger Rinne	Emily Rhoad	Rhonda Smith	Ben Mason Olivia Cowherd	Roger Rinne	Janet & Roger Hoeflicker
Sat. Aug. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Wallpe Jack Carroll	Sandy May	Gary Starke	Bob Brown	Carol Summerlin	Jack & Sheila Carroll
Sun. Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch Bennett Bennie Spain	Rhonda Smith	Emily Rhoad	Ethan/ Grayson Thompson	Janet Hoeflicker	Paul & Rhonda Smith

## 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.

## PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

At the meeting the Parish Council on July 21 it was reported that in the recently concluded fiscal year of July 1 2020 to June 30 2021 our parish Income was \$179,204 and our Expenses were \$170,119 for a Difference of \$9,085.

At that meeting the Council reviewed the projected budget for the coming fiscal year which anticipates \$177,300 in Income and Expenses.

Thanks to all our contributors for all their support.

Each employed adult in every parish should be donating to the work of the Church in proportion to their means. Thanks to all who support Saint Mary’s.

## 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.kcsjatholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate/](http://www.kcsjatholic.org/office-of-the-diaconate/) to view requirements. Or phone the Diaconate Office at 816-714-2302

## DESSERTS REQUESTED FOR TEACHERS APPRECIATION

Again this year an Appreciation Lunch will be hosted for the teachers and staff of the C-1 schools by the congregations active in the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship. At least two members of each congregation are asked to provide homemade desserts- a pie, a cake, brownies or cookies. These are needed for Monday, August 16. They can be left at the Parish Office and Father Tom will deliver them or you can take them directly to the school cafeteria just prior to lunch time. If you can provide a dessert, please let the Parish Office know.

## FROM THE DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE OFFICE TELL CONGRESS

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](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com).

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.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

### AT THE CATHEDRAL - SEPT 26

Married couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DIOCESAN LIFE AND JUSTICE

### COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, August 14 & 15, is the annual collection in support of Diocesan Office of Life and Justice. Join the campaign to share our gifts! The Life & Justice Campaign supports local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life. To learn more, or to make your gift today, please visit [www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org](http://www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org)

### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP JOHNSTON

“An overwhelming majority of Americans support the Hyde Amendment and laws that prevent government –funded abortion. Many in Congress are now trying to remove the Hyde Amendment from the current feral budget. Congress needs to hear from a significant number of our faithful in the next two weeks.

“Please join my fellow members of the US Bishop’s Pro-Life Committee in sending a strong message that billions of taxpayer dollars should not be used to pay for abortion.

“Sign the petition at [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com).”

## LAUDATO SI'

### *On Care for Our Common Home*

*Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter of 2015*

*For Personal Meditation or Family Discussion*

“More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an Encyclical which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message *Pacem in Terris* to the entire “Catholic World” and indeed “to all men and women of good will”. Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gadium*, I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue “with all people about our common home.”

*Laudato Si' # 3*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETS THIS

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 8

Among items needing attention are: installation of the new, more secure, east door; protection of the air-conditioners from vandalism; and upgrading the sound of the video system in church.

Members of the parish who have volunteered to serve on the committee: Marty Bell, Mike Esser, Howard Goring, Chris Kaiser, Mike Ryun and Brent Schlotzhauer. Brent Schlotzhauer is the committee’s Chairperson. Mike Esser is the liaison with the Parish Council.

Meetings are in the Lower Meeting Room after the Sunday 10:30am Mass.

The Building Committee is scheduled to meet six times a year on the second Sunday of: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Anyone who wants to help with the committee is invited to do so.

## DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

### AUGUST 16-20

Signup sheet is on the table behind the east pews.

**REFLECTIONS FOR  
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

“As patron of the universal Church, Saint Joseph inspires and intercedes for all the faithful who seek to pursue the life of virtue at which he excelled. These qualities and characteristics of holiness that we find in him apply to all of God’s children, clergy and laity alike, who can work together in service to the Church to bring about the healing, conversion and reform needed to emerge stronger from the recent scandals that have shaken the Church. With the help of Saint Joseph’s prayers and example, may we all be committed to this task together.” *Conclusion of*

“Patron of the Church: St. Joseph’s Importance Today”  
by Michael R. Heinlein published in ‘Our Sunday Visitor’,  
Dec. 2020

**OUTPACE POVERTY 5K RUN/WALK**

This annual fundraising event of Catholic Charities will be Saturday September 18 at Frank A Theis Park near the Plaza. Gather with friends and family to help alleviate poverty in our diocese. Proceeds from the event will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Kansas City- Saint Joseph. The morning is geared toward family teams, corporate team building, running clubs or simply anyone looking to support our efforts to help the poor. There are several ways to participate and/or volunteer. For more information, visit [OutpacePoverty.org](http://OutpacePoverty.org).

To learn more about the mission and service of Catholic Charities visit their website at [www.catholiccharities.-kcsj.org](http://www.catholiccharities.-kcsj.org)

**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.stmarysinhigginsville.org](http://www.stmarysinhigginsville.org)*

**Weekly Collection from Aug 2nd**

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 3,965
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 104
Total Parish Support	\$ 4,069
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

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

**August 8<sup>th</sup>**

A prayerful condolence to the family of our long-time parishioner Ethel Ruether who’s Funeral Mass was here at Saint Mary’s this past Monday morning.

Ethel was very active with the ladies of our Altar and Rosary Society. She had a big heart and a special love for children.

Two children were baptized in Christ and welcomed into the Family of the Church after Mass last Sunday. James Allen, son of Scott and Kristina Campbell and Harper Lynn, daughter of Ciara and Preston Kopp. Congratulations to their parents and god-parents.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MISSOURI!**

This Tuesday, August 10, is the Bicentennial or Two Hundredth Anniversary of our State of Missouri becoming the 24<sup>th</sup> member of the United States of America.

Next weekend the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven will take precedence over the Ordinary Sunday.

Assumption is the day on which we commemorate Mary of Nazareth, Mother of our Savior, coming to the end of her earthly life.

For that reason every August 15 is a Holy Day for Catholics and when it happens to occur on a Sunday it has priority.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

*Father Tom Hawkins*

**LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION THANK YOU**

Thanks to those who donated to the Loose Change Collection last weekend we collected \$127. The Loose Change Collection is a monthly reminder that every donation makes a difference. It is by working together that we get a lot done.

**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

God made everything. We can’t really give anything to God. But, we can return a portion of what God has given us in gratefulness and generosity. This is the very meaning of stewardship. This is how we do God’s work on Earth.

