



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

BLESSED ARE YOU

Elizabeth had waited a long time for the child she carried. She was beyond child-bearing age by the time she conceived the baby who would be known as John the Baptist. We can only imagine her joy and amazement when the baby leaped in her womb at Mary's arrival. Elizabeth was old and Mary young, yet both trusted in the goodness of the Lord; both relied on the Holy Spirit to be with them in the perplexing, exciting, and anxious time in which they found themselves. They show us what it means to put God at the center of our lives. Their story may inspire us to believe that God's loving mercy awaits in every moment of our lives. Elizabeth calls Mary and the child in her womb "blessed," holy. Mary's holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God's plan by carrying the child Jesus in her womb. How are you called to holiness? In what ways are you willing to carry out God's plan?

Mary's response to Elizabeth, which we hear in today's Gospel, is known as the Magnificat. Mary "magnifies" the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God's mercy clearly. Mary's canticle is a declaration that God cares for the lowly and vulnerable, for the humble and hungry. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. As with Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. As followers of Mary's son, Jesus Christ, we are called to make this merciful, caring God known to those who are in need. How will you glorify, magnify, the Lord by your life?

Today's Readings: Rev 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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 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

Monday, August 16 - 8:00am

SAINT STEPHEN of HUNGARY The first Christian king of Hungary, he united and Christianized his people. Renowned for his charity to beggars. Died in 1038

Communion Service

Tuesday, August 17 – 8:00am

Martha Anderson R.I.P. by St. Mary's Altar Society

Wednesday, August 18 – Wednesday Evening Mass is on Summer Break

Thursday, August 19 – 8:00am

SAINT JOHN EUDES Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for training the clergy and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes. Promoted devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Died 1680.

Cristina E Domingo R.I.P. by Marylou Clymer

Friday, August 20 – 8:00am

SAINT BERNARD When as a young man he decided to enter the Cistercian monastery he took along with him 31 other young men. Nothing like it had ever been seen before or since. As an abbot, reformer and spiritual director he founded sixty-eight monasteries in his lifetime. Denounced injustice and worked for peace. Died 1153.

Pauline Baughman R.I.P. by St. Mary's Altar Society

Saturday, August 21 – 4:00pm

SIANT PIUS X Undertook various church reforms; including permitting children to receive Holy Communion. Died in 1914

Saint Mary's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday, August 22 – 10:30am TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ethel Ruehler R.I.P. by Mary Wallace

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat. Aug. 14 th	Bill Walpe Jack Carroll	Sandy May	Gary Starke	Bob Brown	Carol Summerlin	Jack & Sheila Carroll
Sun. Aug. 15 th	Mitch Bennett Bennie Spain	Rhonda Smith	Emily Rhoad	Ethan/ Grayson Thompson	Janet Hoeflicker	Paul & Rhonda Smith
Sat. Aug. 21 st	Gary Starke Bill Walpe	Peggy Singh	Bob Brown	Mike Deamos	Barbara Beck	Stephen & Kristin Vetter
Sun. Aug. 22 nd	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS					

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

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.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2021-2022

The beginning of PSR is soon approaching. Kristina Campbell has volunteered to serve as *interim* DRE for 2021-2022.

Blue enrollment forms are located on the back pews and also available to print from our church website www.stmarysinhigginville.org. Please complete the registration and return it to the church by AUGUST 29th. We are excited to see everyone again and can't wait to get started September 12th.

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.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE

ONLINE SESSIONS START MONDAY

'Beginning Experience of Greater Kansas City' ministers to persons who are emotionally suffering from the loss of a marriage relationship. The programs are to help individuals through the grieving process, enabling them to look to the future with renewed hope.

A 10-week online series begins this Monday, August 16. For more information see www.beginningexperiencekc.org or call Maria at 913-314-9844.

DESSERTS NEEDED THIS MONDAY 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 Higginville 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 this 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.

KNIGHTS HOLY HOUR AND MASS NEXT SUNDAY

All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to come early to church next Sunday, starting at 9:30am, and take part in a Knights Holy Hour of Prayer.

Bring your Rosary and – if you need it – some spiritual reading.

WE DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS THIS WEEK

AUGUST 16-20 2021

Monday Aug. 10th	Howard Goring & Virginia Graham
	Marlene & Dwaine Edwards
Tuesday Aug. 11th	Father Tom & Jessica Davenport
	Gary & Terie Starke
Wed. Aug. 12th	Kristina, Ethan & Marie Campbell
	Gary & Terie Starke
Thursday Aug. 13th	Sandy May & Great Grandchildren
	Caroline Moore & Kristina Campbell
Friday Aug. 14th	Josie McDermed & Dorothy Bell
	Peggy Singh & Rich Cole

Our parish works with other congregations of Higginsville to provide volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels on various weeks during the year. It takes about an hour and a half on just one day of the week starting from the Higginsville Senior Center.

If you would like to volunteer (either to be a regular driver or on an as-needed basis) please call Teri Starke at [REDACTED]. Terie is the Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator for our Parish. Thanks to all who help.

Upcoming weeks in 2021 when volunteer drivers will be needed are: October 11-15 and December 6-10.

Sign-up sheet is on the table behind the east pews.

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.org.”

DIOCESAN LIFE AND JUSTICE

COLLECTION THIS 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

LAUDATO SI'

On Care for Our Common Home

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter of 2015

For Personal Meditation or Family Discussion

“In 1971, eight years after the encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as ‘a tragic consequence’ of unchecked human activity: “Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation.”

“He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an ‘ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization,’ and stressed “the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity,” in as much as “the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against humanity.”

Laudato Si # 4

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.

**REFLECTIONS FOR
THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

“Beyond discussion is Joseph’s role as the true (though not biological), matrimonial, legal, responsible, protective, and trustingly obedient father, who, as directed by an angel, gives the Messiah his name (Jesus- ‘God saves’) and established residence for him in Nazareth. Lending historical credibility to the flight into Egypt helps us understand the depths of the faith, love and human sacrifice required to exercise that role. It also makes the incarnate humanity of Jesus more real as witnessed by the importance of this passage to persons who are marginalized, refugees and migrants.”

From “Joseph in the New Testament”
by Larry M Toishci, OSJ pages 48-49

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.

To learn more about the mission and service of Catholic Charities visit their website at www.catholiccharities.-kcsj.org

PROJECT RACHEL

UNFAILING MERCY RETREAT

If the memory of an abortion still hurts, Project Rachel offers a weekend retreat called *Unfailing Mercy* to help you. No judging, just gentle guidance.

Call 816-591-3804 for details or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. All inquiries and retreats are confidential

Weekly Collection from Aug 8th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 1,646
Loose Cash Donations	\$ 56
Total Parish Support	\$ 1,702
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

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

August 15th

As Catholics we have two Holy Days that focus on Mary.

The first is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which celebrates the start of Mary’s life when she is conceived in the normal human way but by a special grace from God without Original Sin as she is destined to be the mother of the Messiah. This Holy Day is always on December 8.

The second Catholic celebration commemorates the end of her earthly life- the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Always on August 15. Which we celebrate this weekend.

For many years on these two days I have decorated our church with blue which is traditionally the color associated with Mary.

We become what we celebrate. Which is why as Catholics we celebrate Mary as our Mother in Faith. Our hope is to become more like her.

Just to let you know – the Knights are planning to serve Brunch after Mass on the last Sunday of this month- August 29.

They have not been able to do that since before the pandemic started. And lots of people have missed it.

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. 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.

DIOCESAN 9/11 REMBRANCE CEREMONY

Mount Olivet Cemetery at 7601 Blue Ridge Boulevard in Kansas City will host a ceremony of remembrance to honor the victims of the 9/11 attacks as well as show appreciation for the 9/11 heroes and all current First Responders. The event will be held on the ‘Twentieth Anniversary of 9/11’. That is Saturday, September 11, 2021. Beginning at 5:30pm with music by the American Legion Band. Prayers and remarks by local officials will start at 6pm. For more information email momarkers@cemeterieskcsj.org

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