



# 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

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# Saint Mary's Catholic Parish

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September 12<sup>th</sup> 2021

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, September 11 – 4:00pm The Twentieth Anniversary of “9-11”**

*For the victims of the attacks of 9-11 and the wars which followed.*

**Sunday, September 12 – 10:30am TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners, both Living and Deceased*

**Monday, September 13 – 8:00am**

**SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM** he was bishop of Constantinople from 397 until his death in 407. An outstanding preacher he was nicknamed 'the man with the golden mouth' (Chrysostom). Defended the poor to the point of infuriating the rich and the powerful who did their best to persecute him. Patron Saint of preachers, especially those who tell people things they don't want to hear.

*Communion Service*

**Tuesday, September 14 – 8:00am**

**EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS** This feast commemorates the Empress Helena in the year 320 making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to seek the True Cross. And the dedication of two churches in Jerusalem in 335 – one over the empty grave of Jesus, the other over the place of the crucifixion.

*Ethel Ruehter R.I.P. by Mary Wallace*

**Wednesday, September 15 – 6:00pm in the evening**

**OUR LADY of SORROWS** This day reflects on the sufferings of Mary as the mother of Jesus. Particularly the Seven Sorrows (or Dolors) which are: the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple, the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, the boy Jesus 'lost' in Jerusalem, seeing Jesus carry his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the taking down from the cross the body of Jesus and his burial.

*Ethel Ruehter R.I.P. by Virginia Graham*

**Thursday, September 16 – 8:00am**

**SAINT CORNELIUS** Pope who opposed strict rigorists who did not want to permit people who had left the church during the persecutions to return to it. Died 253.

**SAINT CYPRIAN** Bishop of Carthage, he was an ally of Pope Cornelius. Beheaded in 258 he was the first bishop of Africa to be martyred.

*Steve Lock, R.I.P. by Peggy Singh*

**Friday, September 17 – 8:00am**

**SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE** Brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher and writer. Became a cardinal archbishop. Died in 1621. Patron saint of catechists.

*Steve Lock, R.I.P. by Megan Morris*

**Saturday, September 18 – 4:00pm**

*Harold McDermed R.I.P. by Josie McDermed*

**Sunday, September 19 – 10:30am TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Saint Mary's Parishioners, both Living and Deceased*

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers Schedule	Ushers	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Servers	Greeters	Offertory Gifts
Sat., Sept. 11th	Bill Wallpe Volunteer	Mike Esser	Carita Trent	Mike Deamos	Peggy Singh	Josie McDermed Sandy May
Sun., Sept. 12th	Mitch Bennett Bennie Spain	Chris Kaiser	Nancy Spain	Brodie Rankin Jace Rankin	Roger & Janet Hoeflicker	John & Cheryl Spiegelhalter
Sat., Sept. 18th	Gary Starke Robert Beck	Howard Goring	Bob Brown	Bill Wallpe	Steve & Kristin Vetter	Robert & Barbara Beck
Sun., Sept. 19th	Chris Kaiser Marty Bell	Rhonda Smith	Mike Deamos	Ethan Thompson Grayson Thompson	Hazel Nuelle	Ron & Diane Hoeflicker

## St. Mary's PSR Corner

- Over 400 Mums have been ordered. The plan is to deliver during the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Money will be collected at time of delivery. **GREAT JOB GUYS!**
- PSR starts September 12<sup>th</sup> will be meeting downstairs in the Parish Hall at 9:15am
- Youth we are planning to make Caramel Apples for our booth at the Higginsville Country Fair on 9/15 at 6pm in the Lower Meeting Hall. Depending how much we get done we may work on 9/16 as well.

## VATICAN ASSURES THAT CORONAVIRUS VACCINES ARE MORALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR CATHOLIC

“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

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3739 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## REKINDLE YOUR ROMANCE

Even a good marriage can experience periods of drought. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend allows you to rediscover the Love you and your spouse have for each other and reignite the flame in your relationship. The up-coming weekend for our area will be September 10 – 12. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org). Or telephone Deacon Tony and Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066 or email them at [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net). Your happiness is worth the effort.

## HELP FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAITI

The people of Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, have again undergone terrible tribulations – a recent severe earthquake and tropical storm. Catholic Relief Services is providing assistance. To donate to their work go to their website at [crs.org](http://crs.org).

## DRIVERS NEEDED FOR MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Thanks to those of our parish who have volunteered to deliver lunches to Shut Ins. More help is needed.

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 one hour 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 Terie Starke at ~~816.812.2500~~. 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 sheets are on the table behind the east pews.

## NEW BEGINNINGS "LIFE WALK"— OCT 9<sup>th</sup>

The prolife women's pregnancy center, located near the campus in Warrensburg, will benefit from the Walk/Run fundraiser on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>. Information flyers are "on the tables behind the pews". If you have questions phone 660-747-3593. Register online at nbwburg.org. Even if you can't walk or run there are ways to sponsor and support the event.

## LATIN AMERICA APOSTOLATE COLLECTION

### NEXT WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18/19

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## LAUDATO SI'

### *On Care for Our Common Home*

*Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter of 2015  
For Personal Meditation or Family Discussion*

Patriarch Bartholemew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage," we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation." He has repeatedly stated this firmly and persuasively, challenging us to acknowledge our sins against creation; "For human beings to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air and its life- these are sins" For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God."

*Laudato Si' # 8*

## SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus, be the ruler of my heart and thoughts, be the king of my home and relationships, and the master of my work and service. Help me to make good use of the gifts, talents, time, and resources you have given me.

## HARVESTERS FREE FOOD PICK-UP THIS

### THURSDAY - NOTE TIME CHANGE

Anyone in need of food is welcome to the Harvesters distribution the third Thursday of each month. That will be this Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

There are no requirements but participants have to get a number and are served in sequence. This will be at First Assembly of God Church, 1050 W 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Higginsville. Just east of Walmart.

Twenty-five able bodied volunteers are needed to do the distribution. Volunteers begin work at about 8:30am 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 member so fall congregations and all the community to join in this effort.

For more information contact the President of the Higginsville Ministerial Fellowship, Rev. Dale Felder at 660-584-6289. All help welcome!

## A NOTE TO THE USHERS

Remember at the end of Mass to leave 'Usher' badge on your chair where you found it before Mass. Do not play 'hide and seek' with it. Put it on the chair so the next usher can find it easily.

## TO FIND OUR PARISH MASS

### ON THE INTERNET

Go to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) then search for [saintmary'sinhigginsville.org](http://saintmary'sinhigginsville.org).

From the Pastor's desk  
Dear Parishioners,

September 12

<b>Weekly Collection from Aug 22</b>	
Parishioner Envelopes	\$ 975
Loose Cash Donations	<u>\$120</u>
Total Parish Support	\$1,095
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

## REFLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The years in Nazareth have been called Jesus' "hidden life." No historical detail is preserved for you. He lives his simple role as child in a family, so as to be known by the people of his home town as nothing more than "Joseph's son" (Luke 4:22). Joseph is the father who helps him increase "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). When the Son of Man is ready to begin his proclamation that "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18), Joseph's role is completed and he is no longer mentioned in the Gospel. From good Joseph's faithful care, the child Jesus learns by human experience that no earthly father would give his son a serpent instead of a fish, nor a scorpion instead of an egg. His revelation to us, though, is how much more the heavenly Father in his infinite goodness will give us the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:11-13). The Son of God obeys obedient Joseph as earthly father in preparation for faithful obedience to the mission entrusted to him by his heavenly father.

From "Joseph in the New Testament"  
by Larry M Toishci, OSJ page 81-82

## KNIGHTS MEETING THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The September meeting of our Knights Council will be this Monday, September 13 in the Lower Meeting Room. It was moved from the first Monday of the month because of the Labor Day holiday.

Enter by the west (small parking lot) door.  
COVID 19 safety precautions are encouraged.

On the schedule is the Installation of Officers for the new Activity Year. To be discussed are the upcoming Knights food-stand at the Country Fair and the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

For those who can remember the shock of the awful events as they unfolded on September 11 back in the year 2001, the anniversary of "9-11" is always deeply affecting.

In the weeks that followed that tragedy one of the things people talked about was that amazingly none of the victims in their last moments were calling out in anger for revenge – they had more important things to spend their last moments focusing on.

That was memorialized in an editorial that I have kept for many years. A copy is in this bulletin.

Thank you! And Congratulations! To the wonderful ladies installed as officers of our Saint Mary's Parish Altar and Rosary Society at their meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

President: Hazel Nuelle, Vice-President: Josie McDermed, Treasurer, Karen Schroeder and Secretary: Virginia Graham. Thanks to each of them for working so faithfully that our parish may have the benefit of the services of an Altar and Rosary Society.

Theoretically all women of the parish are members of the A&R Society and each is encouraged to take part in activities as much as possible.

Peace and Blessings, Joy and Love in the Lord!

*Father Tom Hawkins*

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETS

### THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15<sup>th</sup>

Members of the Parish Council are reminded of the September meeting of the Council, this Wednesday evening September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Upper Meeting Room. COVID 19 safety precautions are encouraged. Members of Saint Mary's Parish Council are: Mike Esser, Presiding President; Kristina Campbell- Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper; Carita Trent Social Outreach; Hazel Nuelle, Altar Society; Marty Bell Knights of Columbus; Mike Esser- Liaison to the Building Committee, Rhonda Smith- Adult Education, Steve and Kristin Vetter- Representing Youth Groups. At Large Members are: Mike Esser, Lisa Kuecker, Karen Schroeder, Peggy Singh and Carita Trent.

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