



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

WHO IS HONORED

Today's Gospel passage has two parts: Jesus' announcement again of his coming suffering and death, and a scene with the disciples arguing about who is the "greatest." Mark places these scenes next to each other to emphasize the disciples' failure to understand. Their petty argument was the opposite of what Jesus had described as the way to follow him. The disciples were following the common understanding of group status: to honor the influential and those who seem to contribute the most. Jesus points to the opposite: he honors the vulnerable, the "least" in the community; in this case, a child. And he honors those who welcome the child.

Mark was addressing his own community in the early Church, who were seeking to learn how to live their faith. His questions may be important for us too. Who is honored in our faith community, and why? How do we honor those whom we set as examples? Who benefits from this different kind of "greatness"?

Twice in today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are reduced to silence. First when Jesus describes his future suffering and death, and again when caught in their argument about who is the greatest. Perhaps they were afraid to really understand his teachings because of what it might cost them. Maybe they were afraid of being seen as ignorant by Jesus and especially by each other. What if they had dared to admit their confusion and ignorance and asked Jesus hard questions? Would Jesus have welcomed them?

Jesus presents a child who is to be welcomed and embraced. The child sets an example: it is the child who knows that he or she doesn't know. The child is free to ask "childlike" questions, and is open to answers. What if, in the intimacy of our prayer, we asked Jesus our own hard, embarrassing questions: about life, about ourselves and our relationships, about God? How might our relationship with God then change?

Today's Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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St. Mary's PSR Corner



- The youth group would like to thank Cedar Lane Greenhouse for supplying our overall 460 mums! Let's make life easy on Kristin and Steve and remember that **money needs to be turned in by September 26th**.
- PSR starts at 9am and runs till 10:15. Please remember to go straight to your classroom there is no beginning group discussion this year.

REFLECTIONS FOR

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

What is most characteristic of Joseph in Luke's Gospel is his total obedience to God, both in fulfillment of the angel's instructions to Mary and especially in compliance with the law of the Lord. Luke portrays the model of a faithfully observant father who fulfills all the natural and religious obligations of a human parent for the Son of God. He is the obedient example who Jesus obeys. He lives out this role in the background, a part of Jesus' "hidden life". In faith and in respect for the mystery, Joseph never competes nor interferes with the Fatherhood of God. As the time comes for Jesus to begin his mission and publically proclaim God as his Father, Joseph the father of his childhood quietly fades from the view.

From "Joseph in the New Testament"
by Larry M Toishci, OSJ page 81-83

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETS MONDAY

Members of the Stewardship Committee will meet this Monday, September 20, at 6pm in the Upper 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 (who is the Liaison with the Parish Council) and anyone else who wants to help.

CONCEPTION SEMINARY- DAY OF CARING

Conception Seminary College invites participation in the "2021 Partnering for Future Priests Day of Giving" – September 30/ October 1. This 24-hour online fundraising challenge is an opportunity to support the priests of tomorrow. The day will include opportunities to pray via livestream with the monks and seminarians, as well as ways to get to know and support the work of the Conception Seminary located in northwest Missouri. You can give online at www.conception.edu/pfp, over the phone, or through the mail, any time between now and October 1. If you have questions, contact Trish Wiederholt at 660-944-2958 or events@conception.edu.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR PUBLIC

SAFETY WORKERS

A "Blue Mass" honoring and praying for the men and women throughout our diocese who serve in law enforcement, as firefighters and emergency responders will be held at the Catholic Cathedral (Broadway and 12th street) in downtown Kansas City at 9am on Sunday, October 10. For more information check <https://faithandblue.org>.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THOSE IN THE

LEGAL PROFESSION

A "Red Mass" honoring and praying for the men and women throughout the diocese who serve the public welfare as judges, lawyers and legal professionals will be held on Friday, October 29, at 6:30pm at Visitation Church, 5141 Main Street in Kansas City. For more information contact the President of the Catholic Lawyers Guild, Erik Bendorf at ebendorf01@gmail.com

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 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

Monday, September 20 – 8:00am

SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON and THE MARTYRS OF KOREA Andrew, born in Seoul, Korea was the first native priest of that nation. In 1846 he was tortured and beheaded becoming one of 103 Koreans who, between 1839 and 1867, choose to give up their lives rather than give up their Faith.

Communion Service

Tuesday, September 21 – 8:00am

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE and EVANGELIST According to the account in the Gospel of Matthew, he was called by Jesus from being a tax-collector for the Roman Empire to become a disciple and eventually an Apostle. Preached in Judea and Ethiopia where he was martyred. Symbolized by a human being with wings because of the humanity of his Gospel. Patron saint of accountants and tax collectors.

Harold McDermed R.I.P. by Josie McDermed

Wednesday, September 22 – 6:00pm in the evening

Ethel Ruehter R.I.P. by Karen Schroeder

Thursday, September 23 – 8:00am

SAINT PIUS of PIETRELCINA Popularly called Padre Pio, he was a Capuchin monk much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor. Died at the age of 81 in 1968.

Steve Lock R.I.P. by Mark & Brenda Brunner

Friday, September 24 – 8:00am

Ethel Ruehter R.I.P. by Mike & Gail Deamos

Saturday, September 25 – 4:00pm

Mike Melies by Gary & Terie Starke

Sunday, September 26 – 10:30am TWENTY-SIXTH 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. 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
Sat., Sept. 25th	Lisa Kuecker Bill Summerlin	Peggy Singh	Barbara Beck	Howard Goring	Bill & Carol Summerlin	Larry & Teresa Hoepfner
Sun., Sept. 26th	Mitch Bennett Mike Ryun	Rich Cole	Brent Schlotzhauer	Olivia Cowherd Kate Cooper	Iles Family	Kyle & Amor Gassen Family

Weekly Collection from September 12th

Parishioner Envelopes	\$2,705
Loose Cash Donations	166
Total Parish Support	\$2,846
Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,278

**TO FIND OUR PARISH MASS
ON THE INTERNET**

*Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) then search for
saintmary'sinhigginville.org.*

LAUDATO SI'

On Care for Our Common Home

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

Patriarch Bartholemew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which "entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion." As Christians, we are also called "to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbors on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of /God's creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet."

Laudato Si # 9

VIRTUAL GATHERING FOR PARISH MUSICIANS

The Diocesan Office of Worship invites all parish musicians to a "Skills and Spirituality" virtual workshop. In past years this has been a live and in-person event but this year because of the pandemic it will be virtual. Just visit the website at <https://kcliturgy.wixsite.com/sands2021>. Thanks to all who serve through the ministry of music.

THE GIFT OF GRAIN

Thus far, this year's harvest looks promisingly abundant. A way for those who grow crops to support their parish is to transfer a sale of grain directly to the parish. It helps the parish and it can help your income tax. The reasons such a gift might be advantageous are several, but the primary are: avoidance of income to the extent of the value of the contributed grain, deduction of production costs of the grain from the past growing season, in many cases avoidance of the self-employment tax attributed to the contributed grain. If you wish to know more call Laura Gray 816-714-2363 or email gray@diocesekcsj.org. Kristina Campbell can get you the necessary form provided by the Diocese.

ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

"St. Therese Little Flower Parish (5814 Euclid Ave. KCMO) is celebrating their Feast Day on September 26, 2021. Little Flower alumni and friends of the parish are welcome to come to the 9am Mass, where the choir has returned and will lead our music. After Mass, join in the outdoor cookout, music, games and fellowship with our community. RSVP to Diana Burdett at tv9gal@gmail.com or call 816)560-4466. All are Welcome!!"

PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER

'Respect Life Challenge: A Call to Action' will be offered in -person and live-streamed on the Saturdays of October from 10am to 11:30am. Meet people active in ministries that defend the "incomparable and inviolable worth of every human life." Topics include: elder abuse, gun violence, mothers of homicide victims, and the death penalty and more.

'Sacred Church- Sinful Church' A weekend retreat for those who have been hurt by the church they love. Using shared storytelling and prayer. Father Bill Nordenbrock will lead participants through lamentation to renewed hope. For these and other offerings at the Precious Blood Renew Center in Liberty, Missouri go to programs@pbrenewalcenter.org or phone 816-415-3745.

ALTAR SOCIETY FOLLOW UP

The Altar Society met on September 7. Only 4 women were present. One of the items discussed was how to get more women of the parish active in this organization. The Altar Society provides many services for the Church and more help is needed. We prepare the food and serve the food for funeral dinners as well as co-ordinate and help with all Parish dinners and events. We launder the altar linens, purchase the altar bread and candles, and many other service projects. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

THANK YOU!

Thanks to those who donated \$156 to the September Loose Change Collection. Every donation makes a difference.

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.

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@ombudsmankosj.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 for more information.

NEW BEGINNINGS “LIFE WALK”– OCT 9th

The prolife women’s pregnancy center, located near the campus in Warrensburg, will benefit from the Walk/Run fundraiser on Saturday October 9th. 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.

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.

LATIN AMERICA APOSTOLATE COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18/19

This 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.

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.

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.

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