

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-11:45am
600 N Liberty Street | Independence, MO 64050

Mass Times

Monday: NO Mass
Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)
Wednesday: 12 noon (OF)
Thursday: 6:00 pm (EF)
Friday: 12 noon (EF)
Saturday: 5:00 pm (OF)

Sunday:

8:00 am (OF)
11:00 am (OF)
5:00 pm (EF)

Confession Times

Monday: No Confession
Tuesday: 11:30am
Wednesday: 11:30am
Thursday: 5:00pm
Friday: 11:30am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 4:00pm



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

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Outreach Agency

Food and Prescription
Medication Assistance

HOURS:

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

(816) 252-8649
(By appointment only)

*Donations of food may
be brought to the
Ministry Center
Monday - Thursday by
12:00 noon

Parish Registration

New parishioners: Please fill
out a parish registration
form either on the parish
website or by filling out a
printed form near the
church entrances.

**January 1 2023: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Octave Day of Christmas (Traditional)**

Don't forget the Epiphany Blessings:

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries old tradition, and is often carried out by the head of the household.

Next Sunday Fr. Kendall will be blessing chalk at each of the Masses

Bring a container for Epiphany Water to take home with you.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday December 31

New Year's Eve

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Karen Swarm)

Sunday January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

8:00am Mass (OF)
(All Mothers)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Michael Martinez)

5:00pm Mass (Low Mass - EF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary, St. Ann, & St. Cyril)

Monday January 2

NO Mass

Tuesday January 3

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Shelley Earll)

Wednesday January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (OF)
(Deceased Members of the Stone-Martin Families)

Thursday January 5

St. John Neumann

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(+Eunie Barchak)

Friday January 6

6:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)
(William Altman)

Saturday January 7

First Saturday

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Rob Paul)

Next Sunday January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Anne Franke & Sr. Henry)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Luceen Shrewsbury)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)
(+Vern Orme)

*In the Extraordinary Form (EF), Low Mass is spoken, High Mass is sung

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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 1.800.392.3738 (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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

James Warren Bayless III, Mary Brice, Will Carlson,
Alice Crews, Jeffrey Derk, Gennilyn Eckard, David &
Virginia Forbes, Gene Foster, Carolyn Hampton,
Bobbie Harris, Mike Higbee, Joan Ishmael, Teresa
Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Shane Keeter, Jeffrey
Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Mary Lou Larsen, Nancy
Lathrom, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Annie
Moran, Bob Mosier, Ke Hun Ngo, Joseph Olivarez, Eric
Palmer, Eric Parvin, Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus,
Kenneth Tart, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Lucy
Villigram, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:

LCPL. Victor Rangel U.S Marine Corps - Camp
Pendleton, CA (Son of Phil & Julie Rangel)
SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks,
AK (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
IC3 Christina Smith - (wife of Josiah Smith, Grandson
of Mary Smith)
Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy
(Nephew of Sr. Teresita)

Mary, Mother of God
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Begins January 1, 2023



Although man can
man to seek him, so as
mands of man every
well as the witness of

a human heart, because man is created
eases to draw man to himself. Only in
ess he never stops searching for:

he fact that he is called to communion
with God is addressed to man as soon
ars, it is because God has created him
nues to hold him in existence. He
less he freely acknowledges that love

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WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

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The Christmas season is one of the times of the year when we see some significant differences between the calendars for the Extraordinary Form and Novus Ordo. In particular, please be attentive to the Holy Days of Obligation. The upcoming days of obligation are: Epiphany and Mary, Mother of God. It is important that you attend Mass on the day of the celebration in the New Calendar: It is the date, not the prayers of the Mass that is key. If you attend the low Mass on Jan. 1, this meets the obligation, even though the traditional calendar celebrates Mary, Mother of God on October 11th. Likewise, while the Traditional calendar retains Epiphany on Jan. 6th, attending Mass on Sunday Jan. 8th fulfills the obligation, one is not obliged to go on Jan. 6th.

Calendar for the Novus Ordo (Ordinary Form)

Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God (regular Sunday schedule)

Sat. 12/31 5:00pm (OF)
Sun. 1/1 8:00am (OF)
11:00am (OF)
5:00pm (Low Mass- EF)

Jan. 8 Epiphany (regular Sunday schedule)

Sat. 1/7 5:00pm (OF)
Sun. 1/8 8:00am (OF)
11:00am (OF)
5:00pm (Holy Family, High Mass -EF)

Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord

Mon. 1/9 Noon (OF)
6:00pm (St. Ann's)

Traditional Calendar (Extraordinary Form)

Jan. 1 The Octave-Day of the Nativity of the Lord 5:00pm (Low Mass)

Jan. 6 (Friday) Epiphany 6:00pm (High Mass)

Jan. 8 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 5:00pm (High Mass)

Jan. 13 (Friday) Baptism of the Lord Noon (Low Mass)

*Mary, Mother of God is October 11th.

Weekly Contribution Income

December 18

Envelopes: \$ 1750.00
 Plate: \$ 1763.00
 Online: \$ 832.50

Annual Contribution Income

December Actual: \$ 15,998.50
 December Budget: \$ 29,833.33

Total Contributions: \$ 4345.50 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 111,854.61
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 171,541.62

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

St. Mary's Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorarium

Donald & Betty Underwood in memory of Betty
Underwood

Mrs. Leona Lappat in memory of Robert Lappat & in
honor of Leona & Family Lappat

St. Mary's Outreach Center

Thank you for your participation in our Christmas baskets and gifts for our clients. We are in need of chunky soups, chili seasoning packets (we provide the hamburger, beans and canned tomatoes) for the 4th Sunday of January donations.

We are also greatly in need of hats and gloves for men, women and children. These items may be left next to the food baskets or brought to the Outreach especially on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, or our regular pantry hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For donations outside of these times, please call the Outreach at 816-252-8649 to arrangements for another time. Thank you.

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Athletic Spirituality: Life Lessons from the Field: Taylor Kemp, former professional soccer player for the DC United and US Men's National teams, shares his conversion story with us about how he came to learn and love God and how he navigated his faith in the challenging world of professional sports. He details three fundamental aspects of being a successful athlete that can help anyone in their spiritual life as well: know your role, accept criticism, and have the courage to fail.

Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of \$3 for each CD.

Mary, Mother of God | Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 69-71

Mass Setting: Kyriale Missa cum Jublio pg. 876-878

Entrance Hymn: Once in Royal David's City #31

Entrance Antiphon: Hail, Holy Mother...(pg. 912 #30)

Offertory Hymn: Virgin-Born, We Bow Before Thee #33

Offertory Antiphon: Happy are you...(pg. 913 #31)

Communion Antiphon: Behold, your King will come...(pg. 913 #32)

Communion Hymn: Angels From the Realms of Glory #28

Motet: Hail, Blessed Virgin Mary - Wood

Marian antiphon: Alma redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional: Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly #32

Lessons and Carols Silent Auction

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with our first year of the Silent Auction. The auction raised \$2,257.

Donations from:

St. Mary's Gift Shop
The Keeping Room
Salon 208
Eric Nodwell
Dustin Rogge
Missy Perez
St. Mary's Outreach
Men's Bible Study
Phil Rangel
Fr. Ketterlin
Altar & Rosary

Epiphany Blessing

The Epiphany blessing of chalk and homes is a centuries old tradition where priests would visit each home in their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany. Over time it became more difficult to accomplish such a feat as parishes became larger and larger and priests were stretched thin. For this reason it became an accepted tradition that a member of the household is able to lead this blessing in place of the priest.

The prayers for the blessing will be included in an insert for the bulletin. While the blessing traditionally calls for incense, it is not necessary.

Parish News

If you would like a copy of your contribution statement for calendar year 2022, please contact Tony Douglas at 816-252-0121 Ext. 101 or email at tdouglas@saintmarysparish.org. He can mail and/or email you a copy of your statement.

Altar & Rosary

The January General Altar & Rosary meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 12th, 2023 has been cancelled. We will resume in February.

BULLETIN COLUMN
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



From Handmaid to Mother of God:

When I was in High School, one of the ways I would pass time is to go outside and hit the baseball. Living out in the country, with a few acres of land, we had a narrow strip about 300 feet long that was clear of trees so I could let 'er rip. After one session that had gone particularly well, I shared with my mom that night that I realized that I was a baseball player. It was who I was, the identity that lay at the core of my soul and what I was supposed to do with my life. Even though I played one semester of Division III baseball, we know how my baseball life played out.

Our identity, who we are and how we define ourselves is an essential part of our life and being human. It is also an oddity that human beings are the only thing in this world that has to discover our identity. Every teenager goes through it, and many will struggle more than others. Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God, shows us the way toward finding our own identity, who it is that we truly are.

When the Angel Gabriel first appeared to Mary, he greeted her as "Favored one," and she concluded the encounter by saying "behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." In each case, her identity comes from her relationship to God. In the first, she is the *Favored one of God*, in the second, his handmaid. She is not simply a handmaid. Her relationship to God, and for The Virgin Mary, most especially, the Son of God, is essential to who she is. In fact, as Cyril of Alexandria wrote in the 5th Century and the Church has held ever since, Mary was first and foremost, the Theotokos (which means God Bearer) and the Mother of God. Everything that she was comes from her being the one favored to bring the Son of God into the world. She is also the Ark of the Covenant, Refuge of Sinners, Queen of Angels and Gate of Heaven. Who she is, and who we are, our true identity is always found in relationship. And this should not surprise us. We were made in the image of God, who is the Holy Trinity. God the Father, the Son, nor the Holy Spirit exists without relationship. If He has identified Himself by relationship, then isn't that who we are, made in His image?

We may grasp at our identity according to what we do, how we dress, or how we define our sexuality. None of these things are who we are. Once again, Mary leads the way for us. Who she is, her identity is found in her relationship to God and to others. Our own identity, as we search, is always found in relationship and how we relate to others. Who are we father or mother to? Whose son or daughter do we claim to be? For me, I am a Priest of Jesus Christ; I am a Spiritual Director; I am the son of hand crafters, and brother of Kevin, among many other things. Who are you?

