

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm | Friday Office Closed

600 N Liberty Street | Independence, MO 64050

Mass Times

Monday: 12 noon (OF)

Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)

Wednesday: 12 noon (EF)

Thursday: 6:00 pm (EF)

Friday: 12 noon (EF)

Saturday: 5:00 pm (OF)

Sunday:

8:00 am (OF)

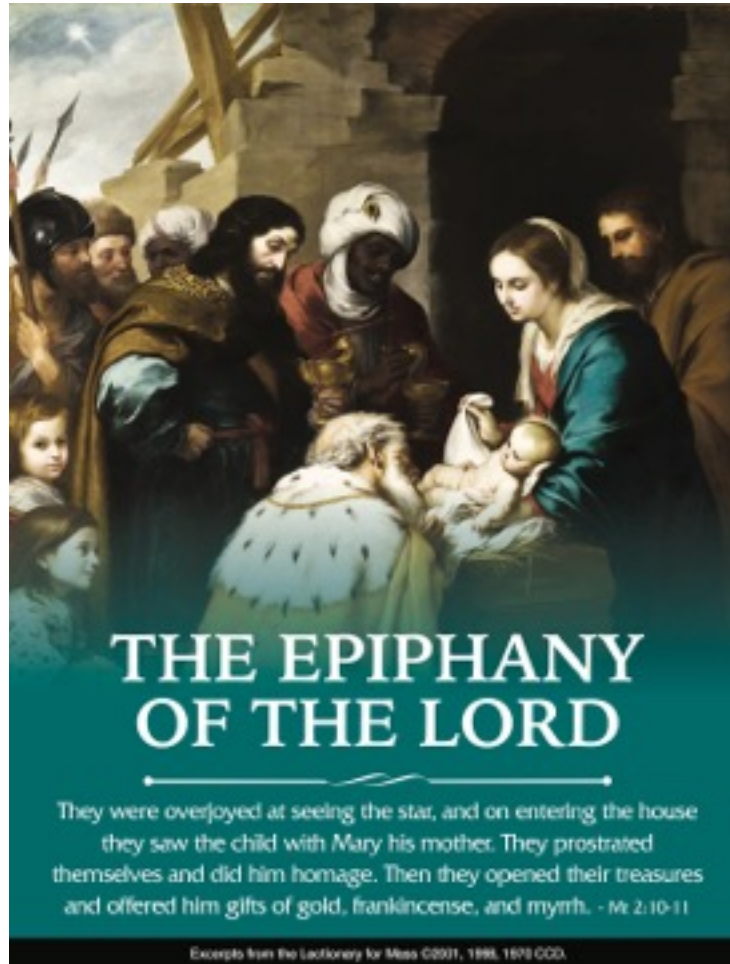
11:00 am (OF)

5:00 pm (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form

EF - Extraordinary Form

Confessions are 30 minutes
before every Mass



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

January 3, 2021: The Epiphany of the Lord

PRAYER OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Almighty eternal God, behold, I come to the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the fountain of mercy, as one blind to the light of eternal brightness, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I ask, therefore, for the abundance of your immense generosity, that you may graciously cure my sickness, wash away my defilement, give light to my blindness, enrich my poverty, clothe my nakedness, so that I may receive the bread of Angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention as are conducive to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the reality and power of that Sacrament. O most gentle God, grant that I may so receive the Body of your Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, which he took from the Virgin Mary, that I may be made worthy to be incorporated into his Mystical Body and to be counted among its members. O most loving Father, grant that I may at last gaze for ever upon the unveiled face of your beloved Son, whom I, a wayfarer, propose to receive now veiled under these species: Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday January 2

First Saturday

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

Sunday January 3

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Mark Hart+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Richard McCarthy+)

Monday January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-2

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - (Mark Hart+)

Tuesday January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Don & Mary Puhr)

Wednesday January 6

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Art Zago+)

Thursday January 7

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Mark Hart+)

Friday January 8

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - (EF) - (George & Francis Martin+)

Saturday January 9

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Charles & Jerome Drexler+)

Next Sunday January 10

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Barnosky+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Karen Swarm)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Parishioners)



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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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011, or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Anderson, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Donald Kemp, Jeffrey Klenken, Joyce Klenken, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus, Betty Underwood, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

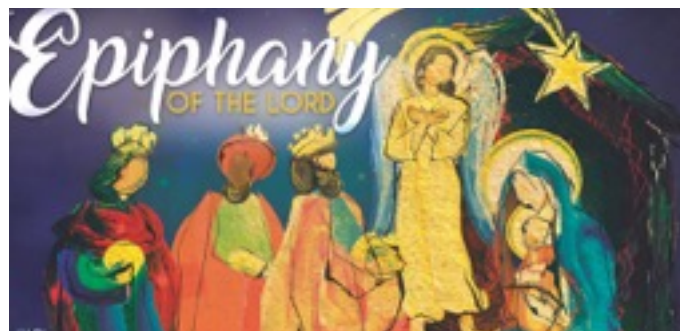
SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL. (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Kreech AFB & Nellis AFB, Nevada, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
ICSN Josiah Smith - (Grandson of Mary Smith) &
IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy (Nephew of Sr. Teresita)

Altar Servers

5:00pm - A Talato, J Collins, J Rider
8:00am - M & T Holden, A Rincon, T & T Spooner
11:00am - J Combs, E&J Diamond, T Gearke, R Howe, A Talato, L Uresti
5:00pm - N Leete, N Smith, A Talato

Lectors

Fr. Bartulica will be doing the readings at this time.



GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Today the child born on Christmas is revealed to be the long-awaited king of the Jews. As the priests and scribes interpret the prophecies in today's Gospel, He is the ruler expected from the line of King David, whose greatness is to reach to the ends of the earth (see **Micah 5:1-3**; **2 Samuel 5:2**).

Jesus is found with His mother, as David's son, Solomon, was enthroned alongside his Queen Mother (see **1 Kings 2:19**). And the magi come to pay Him tribute, as once kings and queens came to Solomon (see **1 Kings 10:2,25**).

His coming evokes promises that extend back to Israel's beginnings.

Centuries before, an evil king seeking to destroy Moses and the Israelites had summoned Balaam, who came from the East with two servants. But Balaam refused to curse Israel, and instead prophesied that a star and royal staff would arise out of Israel and be exalted above all the nations (see **Numbers 22:21**; **23:7**; **24:7, 17**).

This is the star the three magi follow. And like Balaam, they too refuse to be tangled in an evil king's scheme. Their pilgrimage is a sign—that the prophecies in today's First Reading and Psalm are being fulfilled. They come from afar, guided by God's light, bearing the wealth of nations, to praise Israel's God.

We celebrate today our own entrance into the family of God, and the fulfillment of God's plan that all nations be united with Israel as co-heirs to His Fatherly blessings, as Paul reveals in today's Epistle. We too must be guided by the root of David, the bright morning star (see **Revelation 22:16**), and the light of the world (see **Isaiah 42:6**; **John 8:12**).

As the magi adored Him in the manger, let us renew our vow to serve Him, placing our gifts—our intentions and talents—on the altar in this Eucharist. We must offer to Him our very lives in thanksgiving. No lesser gift will suffice for this newborn King.

Readings for the The Epiphany of the Lord



Lectionary: 20

Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.

He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia

Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, or thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

**Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre, cadenti,
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.**

Weekly Contribution Income

December 20

December 27 (Not Available)

Envelopes: \$ 3494.00

Plate: \$ 105.00

Online: \$ 1245.00

Total Contributions: \$ 4844.00**Annual Contribution Income**

December Actual: \$ 11,915.00

December Budget: \$

Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 107,422.00

Year-to-Date Budget: \$

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

Don't carry cash or checks? Contact Father to set up tithing through automatic direct deposit, or sign up for one-time or recurring donations on our website at the [Online Giving](#) tab at the top of the page.

St. Mary's Bookstore 2021 Wall Calendar

For a \$15 donation the bookstore is selling, at a discounted price, a beautiful Mary and the Saints Wall Calendar designed to suite every taste and inspire greater devotion to the Blessed Mother for every day of the year.

The TAN calendar contains special feast and fascinating Catholic traditions. It is marked with days of Fasting, special Saints Days, and the Sundays of the Liturgical Year for both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Calendar.

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Talking With God: The Importance of Prayer & Study: Have you ever struggled with prayer?

Lack of time, focus, or understanding of what to do can all be a challenge. As Augustine Institute professor and author Dr. Michael Patrick Barber explains, prayer is critical to our relationship with God, just as good communication is critical to our relationships with our loved ones. Citing deep biblical insights and humorous personal stories, Dr. Barber offers encouragement and practical suggestions for how we can better approach the practice of prayer, and teaches the surprising importance of theological study. "The more you love someone, the more you want to know about them; and the more you know about them, the more you love them."

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.

St. Mary's Christmas Memorials and Honorarium

* Elizabeth Ramirez in honor of Aurora Gorbett and in memory of Michael Polina, Julio C. Ramirez and Julian & Nestora Polina

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

As we begin the new year, we are especially blessed to come together and take a moment to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us. Though New Year's Day may often seem to focus more on the holiday celebrations instead of the holy feast day, there is a beautiful spiritual significance in celebrating Mary during the octave of the Christmas season. Pope Paul VI called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. Catholic Charities KCSJ would like to wish the peace of Christ to all of you in this new year. For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.