

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)

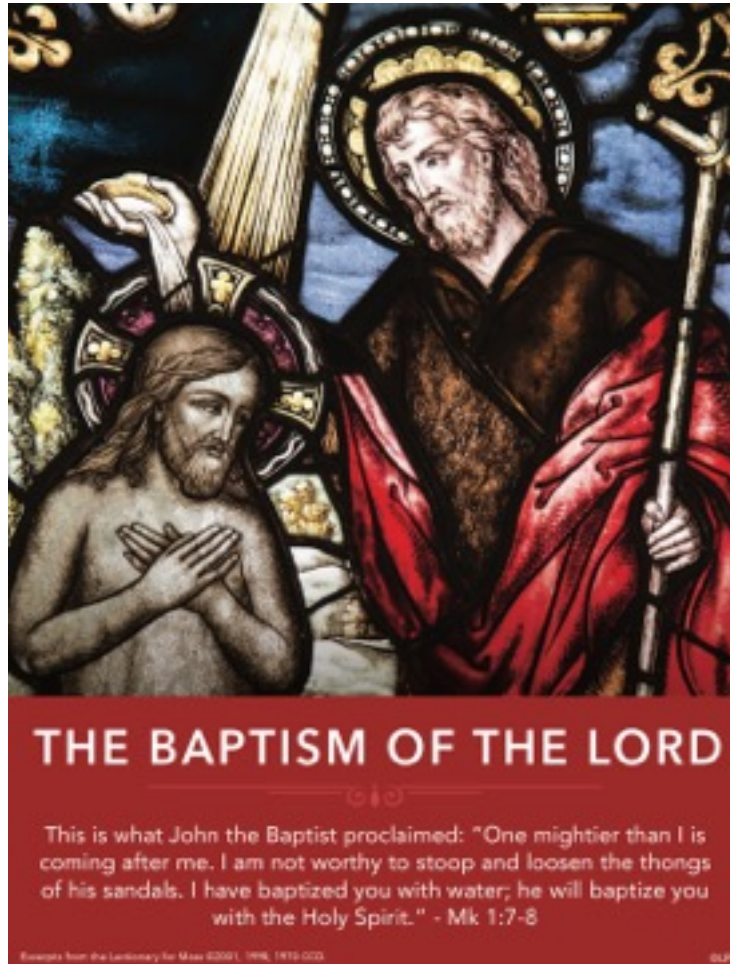
11:00 am (OF)

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 10, 2021: The Baptism of the Lord Feast of the Holy Family (Traditional)

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 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+)

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) - *Feast of
the Holy Family* (Parishioners)

Monday January 11

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and
7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - (Jerry Barnosky+)

Tuesday January 12

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7,
8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in
Purgatory)

Wednesday January 13

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7,
8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Sherman Harlow+)

Thursday January 14

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
[8]/Mk 1:40-45
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Jerry
Barnosky+)

Friday January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc,
6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - (EF) - (Joseph
Magalski+)

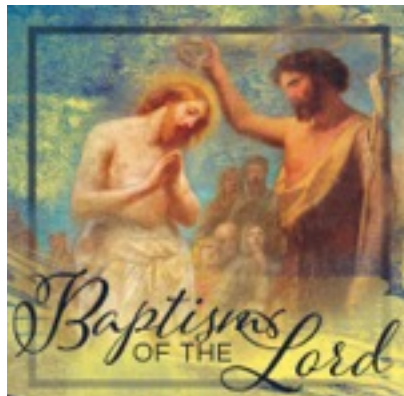
Saturday January 16

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

Next Sunday January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8,
8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Intentions of
the Rangel Family)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - *2nd
Sunday after Epiphany* (Verna
Mohart+)



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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 Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, 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 - N Leete, N Smith, A Talato

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

Lectors

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

"God and silence are great friends. We need to listen to God, because it's not what we say, but what he says to us and through us that matters."

~Mother Teresa

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see [Genesis 22:2](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [Psalm 2:7](#)).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word Messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see [2 Samuel 23:1-17](#); [Psalm 18:51](#); [132:10](#), [17](#)). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see [Isaiah 11:1-2](#); [Daniel 9:25](#)).

That's why people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary—Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see [Luke 1:32-33](#)).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage—a way to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

Readings for the Baptism of the Lord



Reading 1

Is 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

R. (3) **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.** God indeed is my savior, I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.** Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.** Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. **You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Reading II

1 Jn 5:1-9

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Alleluia

Cf. Jn 1:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

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 27

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 3510.00
Plate: \$ 631.00
Online: \$ 200.00

December Actual: \$ 16,256.00
December Budget: \$

Total Contributions: \$ 4341.00

Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 111,763.00
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.

Contribution Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2020 contributions, please contact Tony Douglas at 252-0121, Ext. 101 or tony@saintmarysparish.org

Please note: There will be a second offering for Catholic Home Missions Appeal the weekend of 1/17

Participate in Local 2021 March For Life Activities!

Visit www.respectlifekcsj.org to learn about additional local March for Life Masses, vigils, rallies and other events and activities scheduled for January, including virtual events that can be hosted by parish ministries and other organizations. Make plans to be a part of the annual Prayer Vigil on Friday, January 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in front of the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City. We will pray and make public witness in solidarity with March for Life pilgrims across the nation for an end to abortion and the protection of human life. Everyone welcome. Parking is available in the Catholic Center, 20 West 9th Street, Kansas City, 64105. For more information, please contact mrl-wr@att.net or 816.353.4113.

St. Mary's Christmas Memorial and Honorarium

* Mrs. Karen Schooling in memory of Ryan Joseph Schooling

Now would be a great time to use our Parish **Formed** Account!

This is a free resource available to parishioners, containing unlimited access to Catholic movies, children's books, audio dramas and books...even sacramental prep, Bible studies, documentaries, and so much more!!

Sign up by going to formed.org/signup. Select "I Belong to a Parish", search for St. Mary's, then follow the remaining steps!

"Quo Vadis" Men's Discernment Retreat

"Quo Vadis" or "Where are you going?" is the theme of a weekend retreat specifically organized to help young men answer this question, and other questions they might have about priesthood, seminary, and how to hear God's voice in every day life. Scheduled January 22-24, 2021 at the Sister of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist Retreat Center. For more information, please contact Mark Sappington at sappington@diocesekcsj.org or the Vocation Office at piernick@diocesekcsj.org