

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 17, 2021: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (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 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)

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+)

Monday January 18

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/
Mk 2:18-22
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - (For All Priests &
Religious of KC-St. Joseph
Diocese)

Tuesday January 19

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9
and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Carolina
Nannini+)

Wednesday January 20

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
[4b]/Mk 3:1-6
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Spiritual
& temporal needs of all St.
Mary's Parishioners)

Thursday January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Eugene
& Mary Diamond)

Friday January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10,
11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - (EF) - (Jason Julian+)

Saturday January 23

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,
8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-2
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

Next Sunday January 24

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-2
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Brad Swarm)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Carol
Cleeton+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - 3rd
Sunday after Epiphany
(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, Mrs. Trudy Amato, David Anderson, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Donald Kempes, 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

You are invited to be a voice and a presence for the unborn by gathering with us in prayer every *Thursday at 3:00PM* in front of the Planned Parenthood, 815 N. Noland Road, Independence, MO.

Recent happenings in our country make it apparent that we need to be a light to the world. If you can, please step from the sidelines of this issue by joining us in standing up for life. For questions, please contact Dixie at 461-3752 or Geri at 509-8070

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see [1 Samuel 3:21](#); [7:2-3](#)). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see [Isaiah 43:1](#); [John 10:3](#)).

He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see [Wisdom 6:11-12](#)). We must desire always, as the Apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see [Psalm 42:2](#)).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see [John 15:14](#); [14:21-23](#)), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

Readings for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lectionary: 65

Reading I

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am, he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. (8a and 9a) **Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Reading II

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

Jn 1:41, 17b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

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 January 3 & January 10	Annual Contribution Income
Envelopes: \$ 8048.00	January Actual: \$ 9467.00
Plate: \$ 242.00	January Budget: \$
Online: \$ 1177.00	

Total Contributions: \$ 9467.00 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 119,831.00
 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.

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 VIRTUAL BENEFIT
 Friday, January 29, 2021
 6:00 PM

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"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