

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 23, 2022: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional)

3rd Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Readings, Responsorial Psalm, Antiphons: pg. 349-352

Mass Setting: Missa de Angelis pg. 873 (@5pm and 8am); Missa cum Jubilo pg. 876 (@11am)

Entrance Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #156

Entrance Antiphon: *Worship God, all you his angels...*(pg. 936 #111)

Offertory Hymn: Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted #131

Communion Antiphon: *Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.*

Communion Hymn: Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist #129

Choral Motet: *Locus Iste*-Anton Bruckner

Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising #89

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday January 22

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps
80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Audrey
Schmedding+)

Sunday January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Donald Hill+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Roland
Brosseau+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Parishioners)

Monday January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22,
25-26/Mk 3:22-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Michael
Romano & Family)

Tuesday January 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps
117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Dolores
Buchanan+)

Wednesday January 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,
27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Dixie
Altman)

Thursday January 27

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2,
3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Joyce
Capps+)

Friday January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps
51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk
4:26-34
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Tommy
Romano)

Saturday January 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Dolores
Buchanan+)

Next Sunday January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4,
5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk
4:21-30
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Michael & Fay
Romano)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (William
Brewster+)



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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:

David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Gennilyn Eckard, David & Virginia Forbes, Carolyn Hampton, Mike Higbee, Joan Ishmael, Paul Janner, Teresa Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Donald Kempfs, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Carol Monaco, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Michelle Rohaus, Kenneth Tart, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN &
WOMEN:

PFC. Victor Rangel U.S Marine Corps - (Son of Phil & Julie Rangel)
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)

St. John Vianney Inaugural Luncheon

Thursday, February 17th, 2022

11:30 – 1pm

Hotel Kansas City 1

228 Baltimore Avenue Kansas City, Missouri, 64105
Tudor Ball room

Tables: \$1,000 Sponsorships

Join Bishop Johnston for the **1st Annual St. John Vianney Luncheon** to support the Seminarians of the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

We are pleased to launch this inaugural event as we look to support the young men in our diocese studying for vocations. This event will feature a celebration of the priestly vocation and all the work that is needed to ensure that we have priests for generations to come. Your support will help the Diocese to provide resources needed to support these young men on this special and important journey. This event will end promptly at 1 p.m. so that you may plan for your day.

Those who wish to support by purchasing a table or donating may return this envelope or register online at www.kcsj catholic.org.

Mark Your Calendars: the annual Blessing of Seeds is coming soon!

Our diocesan day of prayer occurs soon—**Friday, Feb. 4.**
Parishes can celebrate God's gift of seeds as a microcosm of all life in several ways:

- **At Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (12:15 p.m. mass)** Bishop Johnston will bless all seeds present. Seeds can be brought in person, or sent with someone ahead of time. Especially invited are gardeners, farmers, greenhouse growers, and all who work with plants or seeds.
- Parish masses on Feb. 4 use the Roman Missal's prayers "At Seedtime" (#27 from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions). Blessing of seeds can occur in this context.
- Parish formation programs can use prepared inserts available soon from the Office of Divine Worship (<https://kcsj catholic.org/office/divine-worship>), with groups of children or youth for sacramental prep or care for creation ministries.
- Households or small faith communities can use the insert on a suitable day later in the planting season.



The mission of **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. We provide couples, priests and religious with the opportunity to enter more deeply into their sacrament through a weekend experience designed to enhance the skills needed for living out God's plan for a fruitful and loving relationship, in all the circumstances of life!

January/February/March 2022

A Resolution for Your Marriage! . . . In 2022 resolve to tell, and show, your spouse that you love them every day. Join us on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** to learn a simple, but powerful tool, that makes saying "I love you" part of the fabric of your everyday life. The next in-person weekends will be **February 25-27 in Kansas City, KS or March 18-20 in Carthage, MO.** For more information, visit the website at www.WWME.org or contact Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading. Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see [Ezra 6:15–17](#)) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see [Nehemiah 6:15](#)). The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see [Nehemiah 8:8](#)) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel. Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also [Isaiah 60:10](#)); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; [Exodus 19:6](#)); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; [Isaiah 55:3](#)). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare [Luke 4:16–17, 21](#) and [Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10](#)).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see [Leviticus 23:24](#)). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see [Leviticus 25:10](#)). The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

Weekly Contribution Income
January 16

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 2675.00
Plate: \$ 216.00
Online: \$ 1912.50

January Actual: \$ 15,678.50
January Budget: \$ 18,076.92

Total Contributions: \$ 4803.50 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 147,173.95
Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 126,538.44

(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.



Blessing of Candles

Candlemas

On The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, there will be a blessing of candles in the side chapel before the 12:00pm Mass. Please bring any candles from home that you would like blessed. The candles can be left in the side chapel prior to the day of the blessing for those that cannot attend. You would need to mark your name on the outside of the provided box or basket.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach is in need of new or gently used men's and women's gloves, men's stocking hats and men's winter coats. We would appreciate any assistance you might be able to give during these cold winter months.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you need your year-end contribution statement, please call Tony Douglas at 816-252-0121 ext 101 or email tony@saintmarysparish.org. Based on your preference, the statement can be either mailed or emailed to you.

Confidential Assistance for Parishioners

St. Mary's Outreach reserves resources to assist St. Mary's Registered Parishioners with food, diapers and wipes, prescriptions and utilities assistance. Anyone needing assistance should call the Outreach on Tuesday mornings at 816-252-8649 between the hours of 9am and Noon. This assistance is confidential.