

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

Adoration Times

Wednesday: 1pm - 9pm
Thursday: 7am - 6pm



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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Outreach Agency

Food and Prescription
Medication Assistance

HOURS:

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

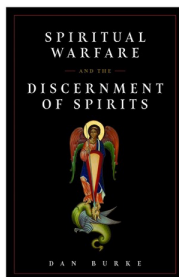
(816) 252-8649
(By appointment only)

*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 29, 2023: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th Sunday after Epiphany(Traditional)



Discernment of Spirits:

Discerning God's Voice in Your Life

Tuesdays During Lent
7:00-8:00pm
Fitz Hall at St. Mary's

Fr. Kendall will lead a 5-week series on the
Discernment of
Spirits. Copies of the book will be provided
to participants.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Children, Grandchildren
& Great Grandchildren of
Jim & Dixie Altman)

Sunday January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Virginia & David
Forbes)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Joseph Witthar)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(Parishioners of St. Mary
St. Ann, & St. Cyril)

Monday January 30

NO Mass

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday January 31

NO Mass

***Fr. Ketterlin will be away from 1/30-2/6. There will be no weekday Masses or Adoration during this time. The Church will remain open from 8:00-5:00, Monday thru Friday.**

Wednesday February 1

NO Mass or Adoration

Thursday February 2

NO Mass or Adoration

Friday February 3

NO Mass

Saturday February 4

First Saturday

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Genevieve Schelle)

Next Sunday February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Drew & Katie Barbara &
Family)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary
St. Ann, & St. Cyril)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)
(Nancy Forbes)

Contact Information

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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 Barchak, James Warren Bayless III, Mary Brice,
Will Carlson, 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, 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)



General Altar & Rosary Meeting

The General Altar & Rosary meeting will be
held Thursday, February 9th, at 6:30pm, in
the Ministry Center.
New members are always welcomed!

St. Mary's Outreach Center

We are in need of hamburger helper, saltine
crackers, chunky soups, and chili seasoning
packets (we provide the hamburger, beans and
canned tomatoes) for the 4th Sunday of January
donations.

We are in need of new or gently used blankets.

Thanks again for your support.

Pray for Our Seminarians



Mr. Liam Connelly
Home Parish: Our Lady of Good
Counsel
Year: Theology I
Seminary: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
Birthday: May 16th

Catechesis and Catholic Culture



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Luther acknowledges himself that the devil once
appeared to him in a visible shape and told him to
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Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed
Sacrament . . .

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Announcements

7 Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

The 7 Sundays Devotion is prayed on the 7 Sundays leading to the Feast of St. Joseph (which will be on Monday, March 20th this year).

The Devotion begins **Next Sunday**, February 5th.

Sisters of St. Francis Part-time opening

The Sisters of St Francis currently have a part-time position for a Compassionate Caregiver, CNA or special person, to help the elderly sisters with various activities of daily living. Please contact Sister Connie at (816) 651-0551 for further information.

Little Sisters of the Poor

This Sunday, January 29, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be at each of our Masses to collect support for their community and their home in Kansas City. In a time when most retirement homes and care facilities are turning into businesses, they serve an invaluable mission in giving our elderly a faithful and dignified place to live.

Pre-Lenten Retreat on Prayer and Adoration

Eucharistic Revival- Diocesan Year 2022-2023



Saturday, February 11, 2023

Host Parish, St. Therese, North

Presenter: Rev. Joseph Cisetti



8:30 am Holy Mass
9:15 am Break

Session I

9:30 am-10:15 am Welcome
Prayer: Lectio Divina, Meditation, & Praying the Psalms
Break/snack

Session II

10:45 am-11:30 am Praying The Liturgy of the Hours & The Rosary Together

Session III

11:45 am-1:00 pm Vocal & Contemplative Prayer
Exposition, Eucharistic Adoration, & Benediction

PASTOR'S CORNER



The Way to Perfection:

The Beatitudes count for one of the most well known pericopes from the Gospels, as well as seemingly straight forward. Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the clean in heart and those who mourn. It is clear that Jesus is flipping our normal ideas of who is blessed, on its head. He paints for us a beautiful picture of God coming to those who are most in need. The most challenging part may be figuring out what Jesus means by the poor in spirit. At the same time, however, he is not simply telling the disciples that they should be thankful for their struggles and difficulties, providing a handful of examples, in a random order. As in all things, our Lord teaches deliberately and each word, even the order of things is meant to lead us into a deeper understanding of who he is and his plan for our salvation. Have you ever thought of the Beatitudes as a series of steps, one leading to the next? This is a road map to the way and life of perfection.

He begins with, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*" This is the first step in the spiritual life. And in actuality, we begin this life *poor in spirit*. We are born separated from God and detached from the Holy Spirit. To be *poor in spirit*, just like material poverty, means that one is empty of the spiritual life. We are reminded that we are children in exile, those banished children of Eve, who need to return to God and the Garden of our original home. It is to these whom God sent forth His Son to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and even more so, it is to these whom the Kingdom comes. The first step in the *Way to Perfection* is to realize our poverty in spirit, and our need for the Holy Spirit.

Once we have seen our poverty, we naturally mourn. This is not a mourning for those who have died, but we mourn because we have been exiled and are not living in our true home. When we reach this state, we also mourn over the sins that we have committed and the harms that we have committed against both God and other people. To mourn, is a gift because it is a natural reaction to a real situation. But those who mourn will not be left in sadness and despair, they will be comforted.

Having mourned and then comforted, we naturally understand the pain and challenges that others go through. The soul is better able to become *meek*, that is, to raise the needs of others above its own. Anyone who has lost a parent or experienced significant grief, knows that having been through this grief and recovered, it is far easier to understand and help others who *mourn*. We become *meek*. Meekness, then leads to a *hunger and thirst for righteousness*, which in turn, leads one to becoming *merciful*. Mercy leads to *purity of heart*, that allows one to become a *peacemaker*, and finally, having become a *peacemaker*, one is prepared for and blessed to become *persecuted for the sake of righteousness*.