

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)

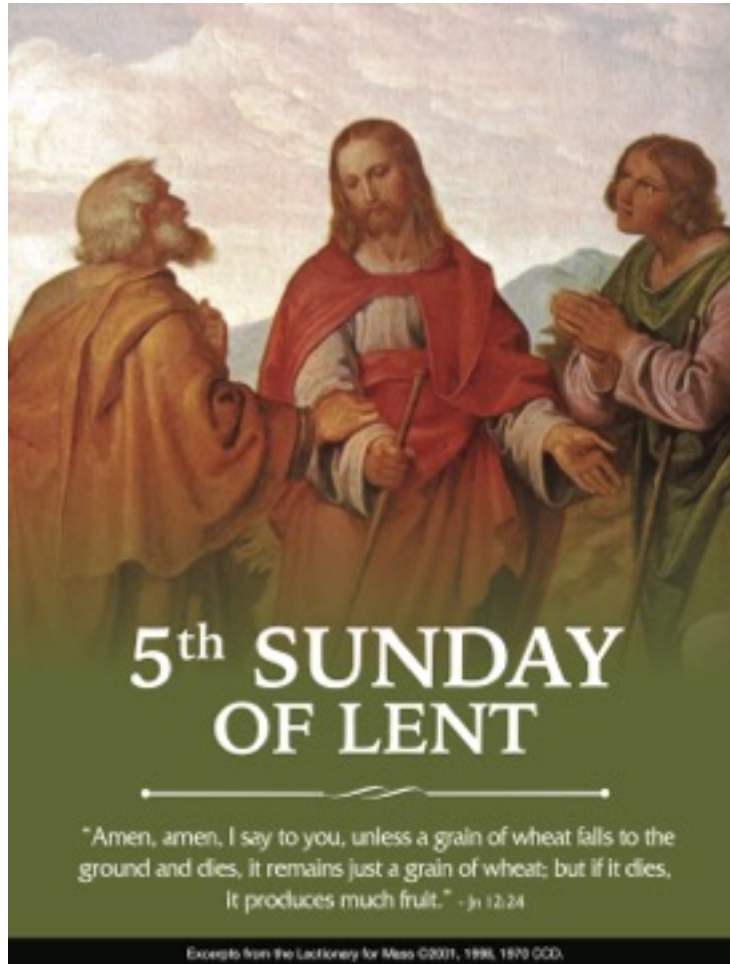
11:00 am (OF)

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

March 21, 2021: 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday (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 March 20

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,
11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in
Purgatory)

Sunday March 21

5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn
12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom
8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
[7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Mary K
Houk+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
Passion Sunday (Julia Hicks
Family)

Monday March 22

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Ada Twenter+)

Tuesday March 23

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18,
19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Jeff Twenter+)

Wednesday March 24

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,
53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Evelyn
& Larry Fischer+)

Thursday March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9,
10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk
1:26-38
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Jenni &
Robert Pollard)

Friday March 26

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,
5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-4
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Chelsea
Anne Frank)

Saturday March 27

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,
13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

Next Sunday March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or
15:1-39
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (The Louree
Family)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Joseph Marie
Diamond)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (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 the Victim Advocate at 816.392.001, or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, Mrs. Trudy Amato, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Joan Ishmael, Bill Janner, Teresa Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Donald Kempes, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, 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)

Don't Miss Scott Hahn after Lent

Look forward to the end of Lent—**join Scott Hahn in Leawood on Friday, April 9.**

Don't miss this evening presentation and the chance to ask Dr. Hahn your questions on the faith and Scripture!

[Space is limited, so register now to reserve your spot.](#)

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Friday, April 9, 2021

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Leawood, KS

COST: \$20

St. Joseph's Day Table This Weekend

On Sunday, March 21 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, join us in thanking St. Joseph for all his benefits by participating in the St. Joseph's Day Table at St. Mary's. Please bring an offering of bread, pastry, wine or dessert to share. Multiple offerings are welcomed and encouraged. Following the Mass, Father Bartulica will bless the table and all are welcome to take items from the table in exchange for a free-willing offering that will be given as alms to the poor.

More information about the tradition of the St. Joseph's Day Table is posted in the narthex.

St. Mary's Men's Prayer Group

Men, with Lent upon us, have you been waiting for an invitation to do something different? St. Mary's Men's Prayer Group is a small community of prayer that meets every Saturday morning at 6:30 in the Ministry Center. We start with the Rosary; then a short audio presentation by a noted Catholic speaker (Bishop Barron, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. John Ricardo etc.) followed by a discussion of issues of faith, family, personal character, and growth. Our goal is to learn & grow as Catholic Men. This may be a Lenten opportunity to sacrifice an hour of time in exchange for whatever gift God has waiting for you. No commitment, no requirements, just show up when you can and join our journey. Please join us. For additional information contact John McEvoy at 582-4835 or e-mail at jamcevoy@sbcglobal.net

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Mary's is hosting a **diaper drive** through March 28 for our local pregnancy resource center, *Rachel House*. Diapers, wipes, and diaper cream will graciously be accepted, along with items for the mothers, such as travel-sized lotions, body gel, and shampoo/conditioner. Collection bins are located at each entrance of the church.

For more information about upcoming events within our diocese, please visit respectlifekcsj.org or kccoalitionforlife.com

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Part 1: The Woman at the Foot of the Cross:

In this talk—Part 1 of a special two-part Lighthouse Talks presentation—Augustine Institute professor Dr. Ben Akers gives a meditative, Scriptural reflection on keeping vigil at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother Mary. Dr. Akers explains the deeper meaning behind Jesus' confusing address of Mary as "Woman," and illuminates the connections and foreshadowing between the biblical stories of Creation, the Wedding at Cana, and the Crucifixion. We learn profoundly, as Dr. Akers explains, that "everything Mary does points to her Son."

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.

Readings for 5th Sunday of Lent



Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. (12a) **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**
Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. **Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Ave Regina Caelorum

Ave, Regina caelorum,
Ave, Domina Angelorum:
Salve, radix, salve, porta
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum exora.

Weekly Contribution Income March 14	Annual Contribution Income
Envelopes: \$ 3620.00	March Actual: \$ 16,122.00
Plate: \$ 242.00	March Budget: \$ 21,880.75
Online: \$ 520.00	
Total Contributions: \$ 4382.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 158,789.50
	Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 161,917.55

(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.



Please join us on Friday's of Lent as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm in the Church.

St. Mary's Outreach Center News for February 2021

For the month of *February*, we assisted **68** families with food for a total of **192** people of which **26** were children and **14** were elderly. The food items included approximately **1,589** items of food from our pantry (purchased by pantry and from your donations). In addition, St. Mary's Outreach Center is a distribution site for USDA commodities from Harvesters Food Network under TEFAP and the food baskets included approximately **2,095** items of food in January. In addition, approximately **20** homeless were served at the pantry and various locations by one of our volunteers. Along with the food items, we provide **6 to 8** items of hygiene depending on what we have. The homeless bags include approximately **15** items of ready-to-eat food, socks and hygiene items.

112 items of clothing were given out, **3** coats and **6** blankets in addition to numerous pairs of gloves, hats and scarves. Five packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our Board Members and volunteers totaling **30** who put in **250** hours in support of our services.

We have been truly blessed this season with clothing items and no longer need any winter clothing items.

Donations should be brought to the Outreach on Tuesday mornings between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

We are continuing social distancing and will be serving clients for food **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** at 816-252-8649. The clothing room has been opened on a limited number basis.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Easter Basket Blessing



You are invited to participate in a great tradition of the Church - an Easter Basket blessing at St. Mary's on Holy Saturday, April 3 at 10 a.m. Please plan to bring your Easter basket full of all the traditional foods your family will eat to celebrate Easter Sunday! Suggestions for what to pack into your basket can be found on fliers at the entrance of the church.

ST CYRIL'S BAKE SALE

PARISH BAKE SALE

St. Cyril's Altar Society will have a bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Nut rolls, strudel, kolache and cheese and nut povatica and pies will be sold. Baked goods will be available for pick up after 9:00 am Mass. You are welcome to pre-order: Jean Kaiser 816-210-8056 or email jmk1018@gmail.com.