

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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

March 27, 2022: 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
4th Sunday of Lent (Traditional)

Laetare Sunday, Lent IV, Year C

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pg. 136-139

Mass setting: Missa Simplex I pg. 850-852 (@5pm and 8am); Kyriale Mass XVII (Kyrie B) pg. 887-889 (@11)

Entrance Hymn: Lord Jesus, Think on Me #42

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice Jerusalem...*(pg. 920 #57)

Offertory Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This #50

Communion Antiphon: *You must rejoice...*(pg. 921 #61)

Communion Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is #109

Communion Motet: (@11): *God So Loved the World*-John Stainer

Marian antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45

Exit in silence

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday March 26

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,
20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Chelsea Anne
Stringer)

Sunday March 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
[9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,
11-32
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Fr. Charles
Michael Coleman+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Ronald
Harmon+)

Monday March 28

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6,
11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Joseph Marie
Diamond)

Tuesday March 29

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 5:1-16
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (George
Stone+)

Wednesday March 30

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,
17-18/Jn 5:17-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Jim &
Dixie Altman)

Thursday March 31

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Jn 5:31-47
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Donna
Salanky+)

Friday April 1

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18,
19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10,
25-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Deceased Members of the
Altman/Dennee Families)
6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

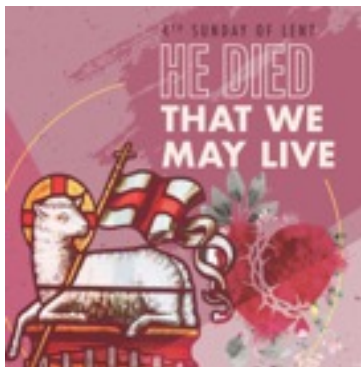
Saturday April 2

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10,
11-12/Jn 7:40-53
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Basil Anthony
Diamond)

Next Sunday April 3

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
[3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Phyllis Henry+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Max
Martin+)



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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, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Carol Monaco, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, 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)

IC3 Christina Smith - (wife of Josiah Smith, Grandson of Mary Smith)

Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy
(Nephew of Sr. Teresita)

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Saint Augustine: The Patron Saint of Millennials?: Dr. Elizabeth Klein, theologian and millennial, with a special devotion to St. Augustine discusses the many reasons why St. Augustine should also be the patron saint of this generation. St. Augustine's teachings are as timely as ever as millennials today search for ways they can live out their vocation by way of his teachings and guidance.

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.



Lent 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](https://www.formed.org/signup). Select "I Belong to a Parish", search for St. Mary's, then follow the remaining steps!

Laetare is the first word — meaning "rejoice" — in the Latin text. On Laetare Sunday (as similarly with the Third Sunday of Advent's Gaudete Sunday) the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Call it pink — or, more fittingly, rose — this change in color indicates a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passiontide.



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see [Joshua 5:6–7](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [12:12–13](#)).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

Weekly Contribution Income
March 20

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$	4180.00	March Actual: \$	21,527.00
Plate: \$	672.00	March Budget: \$	22,596.15
Online: \$	1202.50		

Total Contributions: \$	6054.50	Year-to-Date Actual: \$	193,067.20
		Year-to-Date Budget: \$	167,211.51

(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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Joseph's table such a success. \$851.00 was raised. The proceeds will benefit those in need. St. Joseph, pray for us!



Altar & Rosary Spring Rummage Sale

It's back! After a two year hiatus, our annual Fall Rummage Sale is back, but this time for Spring!

The sale will be held Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 22nd-24th, Fitzgerald Hall.

Set-up days will be Wednesday, April 20th and Thursday, April 21st, 10:00am until ???

We are seeking donations of new/gently used items. As you complete your spring cleaning, please consider donating usable items to our sale. Your donations can be brought to the church basement on either of the set up days.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with set-up and the actual sale. Please contact Kathy Philpott, (816) 810-0516, with questions/scheduling.

Proceeds from this sale go to help with the purchase of wine, altar bread and candles.

Diaper Drive

During this lenten season St. Mary's is asking for donations of diapers, baby wipes, and diaper cream to be donated to our local pregnancy resource center, *Resource Health*. Donations can be dropped off in the baptismal chapel and will be delivered directly to them. Thank you for your support! If you would like more information on this great apostolate, please visit resourcehealth.org.