

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)

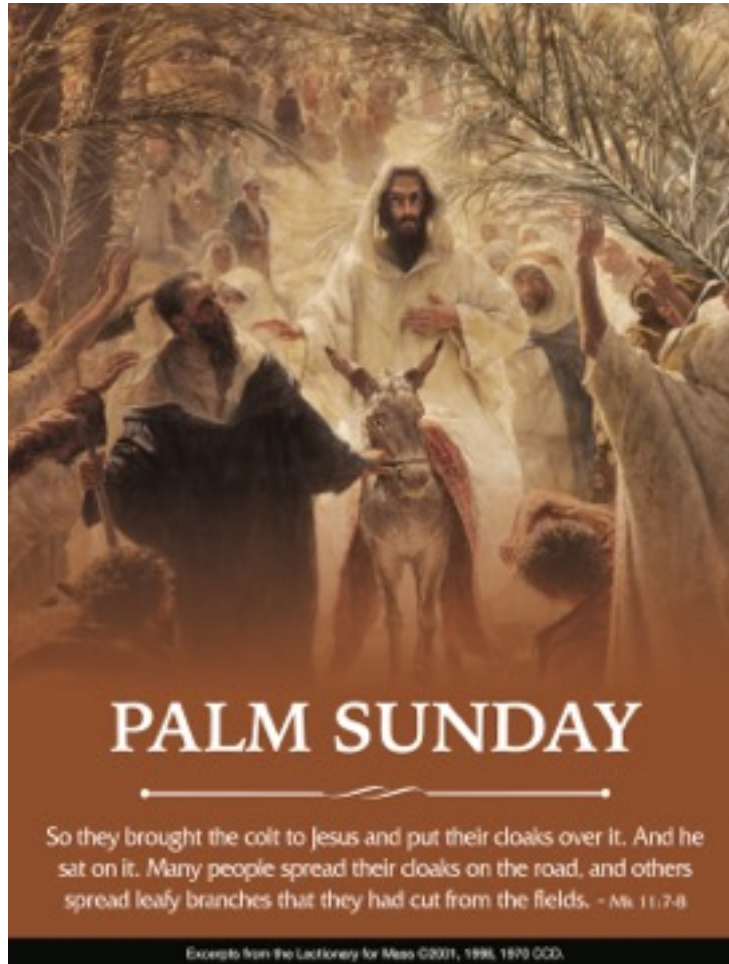
11:00 am (OF)

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 28, 2021: Palm Sunday Palm 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 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+)

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)

Monday March 29

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn
12:1-11

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Janette & Julia
Hicks)

Tuesday March 30

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a,

5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn

13:21-33, 36-38

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Jim & Dixie
Altman)

Wednesday March 31

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31
and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Poor
Souls in Purgatory)

Thursday April 1

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13,
15-16bc,17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1
Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

6:30pm - Confessions

7:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Donna
Salanky+)

Friday April 2

Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13,
15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

3:00pm - Liturgy

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 3

Holy Saturday

Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps

104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

[30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22

[5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,

15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex

14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4,

5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is

12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—

4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez

36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

[42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps

51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom

6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk

16:1-7

8:30pm - Easter Vigil - (Jerry
Britt+)

Next Sunday April 4

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2,

16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1

Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk

16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Amparo
Aguilera+)

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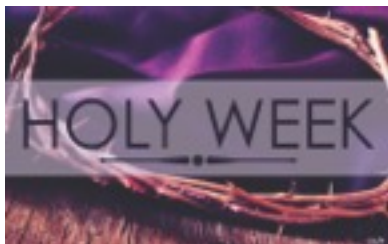
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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

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 Kempfs, 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 CYRIL'S 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.

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.



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the Cross, where He dies as “King of the Jews.” Notice how many times He is called “king” in today’s Gospel—mostly in scorn and mockery. As we hear the long accounts of His Passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves—He suffered this cruel and unusual violence for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today’s First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today’s Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see [Psalm 22:1](#)).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today’s Gospel—as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God’s love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

Are we that much different from our Lord’s tormenters? Often, don’t we deny that He is King, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don’t we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem’s temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

He was God and yet humbled Himself to come among us, we’re reminded in today’s Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles Himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist.

His enemies never understood: His kingship isn’t of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us—and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength that truly this is the Son of God.

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 21	Annual Contribution Income
Envelopes: \$ 2785.00	March Actual: \$ 20,485.00
Plate: \$ 218.00	March Budget: \$ 21,880.75
Online: \$ 1360.00	

Total Contributions: \$ 4363.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 163,152.50
	Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 166,293.70

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

Please note: There will be a second offering on Good Friday, April 2, for the Holy Land.

Thank you so very much to everyone who participated in the St. Joseph's Altar this past Sunday after the 11:00 Mass. It was a beautiful witness of your devotion and love of St. Joseph. Thanks to your tremendous generosity the parish will be making an offering of \$1032.19 to the poor. May God bless you abundantly!

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.

After the Easter Basket Blessing on Saturday, April 3, please stay to decorate the church and arrange flowers for Easter Sunday! It should require just a small amount of time. Thank you!



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. MARY'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1st, Holy Thursday
Mass @ 7:00pm (EF)
Church will be open until midnight for Adoration

April 2nd, Good Friday
Liturgy @ 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross @ 6:00pm

April 3rd, Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil
Mass @ 8:30pm

April 4th, Easter Sunday
Masses @ 8:00am (OF) & 11:00am (EF)
No 5:00pm EF Easter Mass