

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)

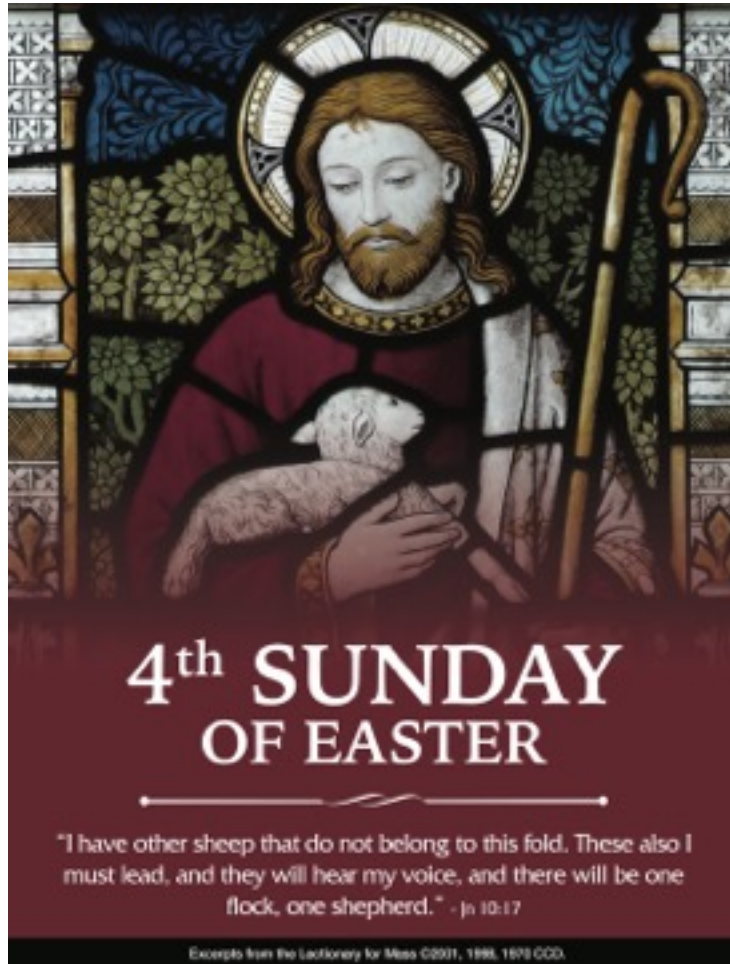
11:00 am (OF)

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

**April 25, 2021: 4th Sunday of Easter
3rd Sunday of Easter (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 April 24

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Jerry Britt+)

Sunday April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,
26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn
10:11-18
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Robert
McDermott+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Msgr.
Ralph Kaiser+)

Monday April 26

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf.
3a]/Jn 10:1-10
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Teresa M
Forsha+)

Tuesday April 27

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
[117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Rose Martinez)

Wednesday April 28

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6
and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Helen
Boos)

Thursday April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22,
25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Basil
Anthony Diamond)

Friday April 30

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab
[7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Conversion of Sinners &
Salvation of Souls)

Saturday May 1

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—
2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.
17b]/Mt 13:54-58
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (George Stone+)

Next Sunday May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30,
31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn
15:1-8
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Ke Hun Ngo)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Family of
Denise Martinez)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(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, Deborah Monaco, 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)



April/May 2021

Come! . . . *Arise my love, my beautiful one, and come!*

For see the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. During the this joyful Easter Season, as we celebrate the risen Christ and the promise of new life, come away and tend to the garden of your marriage. The next in- person **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experiences**, will be **April 30 - May 2, 2021 and July 16-18, 2021**, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. *For more information*, visit our website at www.wwme4youandme.org, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

St. Mary's Men's Prayer Group

Men, are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and share faith discussions with other men of the parish? 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 is an 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

For those who need more physical space around them, please fill free to use the south adoration chapel for seating, and at communion time approach the altar rail.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
before Advent 2021**

Perfect timing for a life-changing faith trip! Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. Don't just see it --- experience it. Scriptures and the Mass will be far more meaningful afterwards. It's a trip you'll treasure the rest of your life! (Oct 25 - Nov 3, 2021) Save \$300-1200 over similar trips that offer less! Space is limited. For more info, contact Mark Wyble at **816-233-8427** or religiousramblers@gmail.com.



GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31](#)).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8](#); [John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15–17](#)).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the “builders” of Israel's temple that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10–13](#); [1 Peter 2:4–7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22–23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Weekly Contribution Income
April 18

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 4009.00
Plate: \$ 282.00
Online: \$ 1475.00

April Actual: \$ 16,235.00
April Budget: \$ 17,504.60

Total Contributions: \$ 5766.00 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 184,543.50
Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 183,798.30

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

St. Mary's Gift Shop News



**We apologize the Gift Shop was not open last weekend, but plan to open this weekend
April 23rd & 24th!**

The store will be open after all weekend masses.
Stop by and see our new merchandise including:

- ~Missals with Latin and English for *OF* and *EF*
- ~New "Family Bible" from Catholic Book Publishers
- ~Ignatius RV Bibles in hardback and paperback
- ~"The Lighthouse", new novel by Michael O'Brien
- ~"Hope to Die", new novel by Scott Hahn
- ~"Bible in a Year", by Tim Gray
- ~Watch for new rosaries and necklaces, medals, wall crucifixes already on order

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

You are invited to be a voice and a presence for the unborn by gathering with us in prayer every **Thursday at 3:00PM** in front of the Planned Parenthood, 815 N. Noland Road, Independence, MO.

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.

St. Mary's Outreach Center News for March 2021

For the month of *March*, we assisted **67** families with food for a total of **281** people of which **45** were children and **26** were elderly. The food items included approximately **1,462** 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 **1,080** items of food in January. In addition, approximately **5** homeless were served at the pantry and **4** emergency bags were given out. 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 and the emergency bags include approximately **5** food items. Two medical prescriptions were paid.

In addition, **232** items of clothing were given out and **3** blankets. One packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our Board Members and volunteers totaling **25** who put in **332** hours in support of our services.

We would also like to give a special "Thank You" to St. Mary's parishioners and others for their support with food and other items as part of their Lenten sacrifice.

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."