

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)

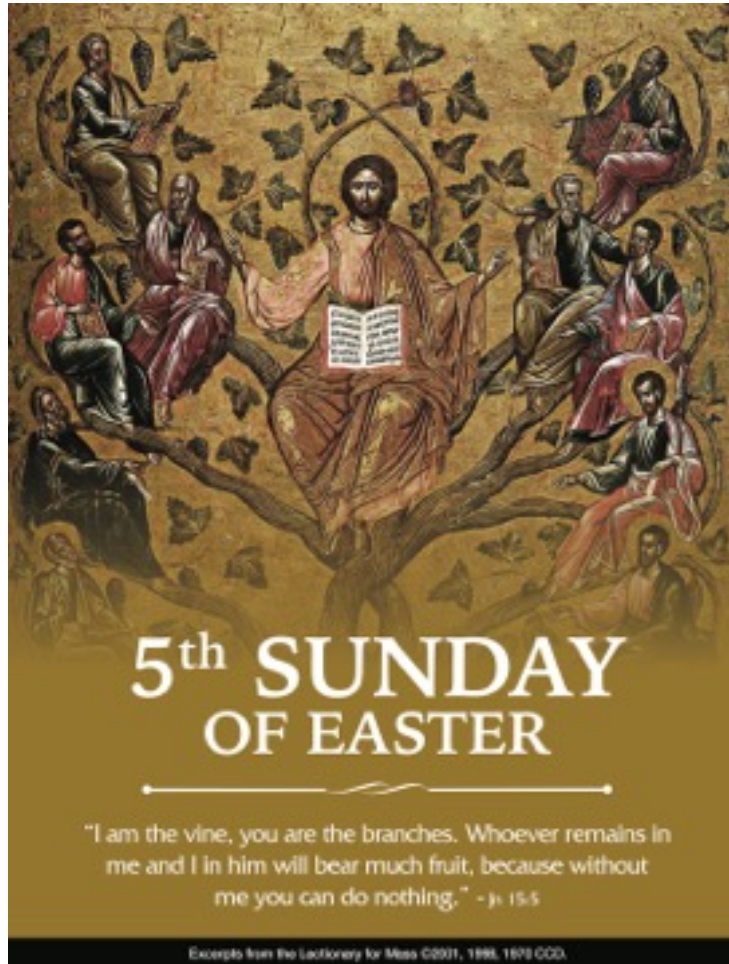
11:00 am (OF)

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

**May 2, 2021: 5th Sunday of Easter
4th Sunday after 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 May 1

First Saturday

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+)

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)

Monday May 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn
14:6-14
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Special
Intention for Larry)

Tuesday May 4

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11,
12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Brad & Jessica
Swarm)

Wednesday May 5

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Ida &
William Altmann+)

Thursday May 6

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
[3]/Jn 15:9-11
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Carl
Marriott+)

Friday May 7

First Friday

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12
[10a]/Jn 15:12-17
11:30pm - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -
(Breeanne & Thomas James
Clark)

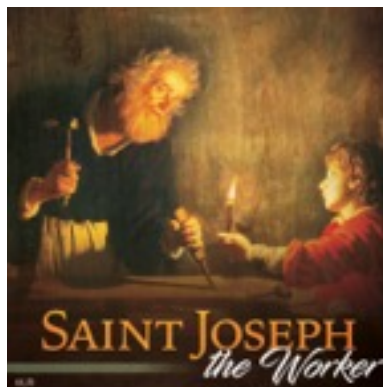
Saturday May 8

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn
15:18-21
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

Next Sunday May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps
98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/
Jn 15:9-17
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Patrick Rhea+)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass - (Velia Tebeck+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Heather
Sansom)



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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, Lucas Uresti, 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.

FertilityCare Center of Kansas City

There is a session close to you! The FertilityCare™ System (Creighton Model) Introductory Session is offered monthly at a variety of area locations and long distance. This fulfills your marriage policy requirement, it's helpful for achieving and avoiding pregnancy, it has medical applications and it's better than IVF for infertility. Register online at www.fertilitycarekc.com, or call the FertilityCare™ Center of Kansas City at (816) 858-0198.



GOSPEL REFLECTION BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see [Sirach 24:17–24](#)).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see [Matthew 7:16–20](#)).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see [Hebrews 12:4–11](#)).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see [Colossians 3:16](#)), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

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 25

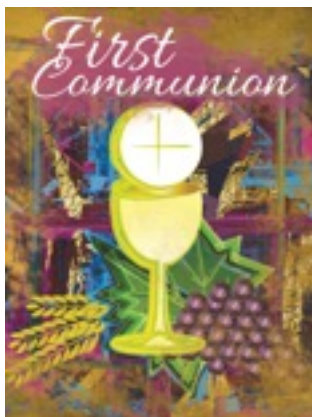
Envelopes: \$ 2225.00
 Plate: \$ 168.00
 Online: \$ 529.00

Annual Contribution Income

April Actual: \$ 19,157.00
 April Budget: \$ 17,504.60

Total Contributions: \$ 2922.00 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 187,456.50
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 188,174.45

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)



**Congratulations to our First Communicants
 who are receiving their First Communion this
 weekend~**

*Selena Northcott
 David Morris, Jr.
 Hadass Hernandez*

OUTPACE POVERTY

Catholic Charities KCSJ will move Outpace Poverty to the fall this year. We encourage you to save the date and plan to help Outpace Poverty on September 18, 2021 when we host a 5K Walk/Fun Run and Family Festival that benefits our work in addressing poverty. We will be back at Theis Park and there will also be a virtual component. More information and registration will be available in the coming months. Contact Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, with questions at bhilst@ccharities.com or 816-659-8274.

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."