May 3rd, 2020: 4th Sunday of Easter

St. Mary's Catholic Church

www.saintmarysparish.org | www.facebook.com/stmaryscatholicchurch | Office Phone: 816-252-0121
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, Clothing and Prescription Medication Assistance
HOURS:
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm
(816) 252-8649
(Please call for an appointment)
Donations of food & clothing may be brought to the Ministry Center Monday - Thursday by 12:00 noon

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**WEEKLY READINGS**

**for Ordinary Mass**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50


**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Saturday May 2**
First Saturday ~
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Mass Intention - (Parishioners)
6:30am -
4:30pm -
5:00pm -

**Sunday May 3**
4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Mass Intentions - (Edward Johnson+, Haylee Atagi-Barker+, Mark Hart+)
7:30am -
8:00am -
9:00am -
10:30am -
11:00am -
4:30pm -
5:00pm -

**Monday May 4**
Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18
Mass Intention - (Brad & Jessica Swarm)
11:30am -
12:00pm -
6:30pm -

**Tuesday May 5**
Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Mass Intention - (Ida & William Altmann+)
11:30am -
12:00pm -
6:30pm -

**Wednesday May 6**
Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Mass Intention - (Maren & Abby Peek)
11:30am -
12:00pm -

**Thursday May 7**
Mass Intention - (Carol Marriott+)
10:00am -
5:30pm -
6:00pm -
7:00pm -

**Friday May 8**
Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Mass Intention - (Mary & Harold Mitchell)
11:30am -
12:00pm -
6:00pm -
6:40pm -

**Saturday May 9**
Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:17-14
Mass Intention - (Robert Altmann+)
4:30pm -
5:00pm -

**Next Sunday May 10**
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Mass Intentions - (All Living and Deceased Mothers of St. Marys, Carol Cleeton+, Parishioners)
7:30am -
8:00am -
9:00am -
10:30am -
11:00am -
12:15pm -
4:30pm -
5:00pm -

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Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers:

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)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC
(Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of Josiah)
CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East
(Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit
me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer During Coronavirus Pandemic

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011, or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
Now 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.
Select “I Belong to a Parish”, search for St. Mary’s, then follow the remaining steps!

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

Easter’s empty tomb is a call to conversion.
By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today’s First Reading.
He is the “Lord,” the divine Son that David foresaw at God’s right hand (see Psalm 3: 110:1; 132:10–11; and Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11–14, 23; 37:24).
As we hear in today’s Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16–17). He calls not only to the children of Israel, but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.
The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today’s Psalm.
Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter’s preaching. “What are we to do?” they cried.
We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today’s Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.
We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.
Jesus has gone ahead, driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

Updated Liturgical Protocols from the Bishop’s Office can be found at:
https://kcsj catholic.org/coronavirus-updates/
Weekly Contribution Income

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(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.

If you are able, please consider mailing your weekly contribution to the church office or send it via the church website under the Online Giving tab, as we continue to meet the operational needs of the parish during this challenging time.
Thank you!

Prayer for World Day of Vocations

Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider a how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.

Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about monastic life, apostolic life, missionaries, cloistered contemplative life, and evangelical Franciscan life.

Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for religious sisters, brothers, deacons, and priests to live in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalized.

Disrupt our comfortable lives and complacent attitudes with new ideas to respond courageously and creativity with a daily ‘YES!’ Amen.

* Please note: These meals will be attempted weekly, as the need persists.

St. Mary's Community Curbside Meals—May 3

Please reserve your free family meal by Friday May 1, 2020 at 10:00PM by emailing meals@stmarysparish.org

Please include in your RSVP email:
- "May 3 Meal" in the email subject line
- Number of people in your family
- A contact phone number for you
- Your first and last name

PICK-UP BETWEEN 4-4:30PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020
600 N Liberty St. Independ., MO 64050

May 3, 2020—World Day of Prayer for Vocations