

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)

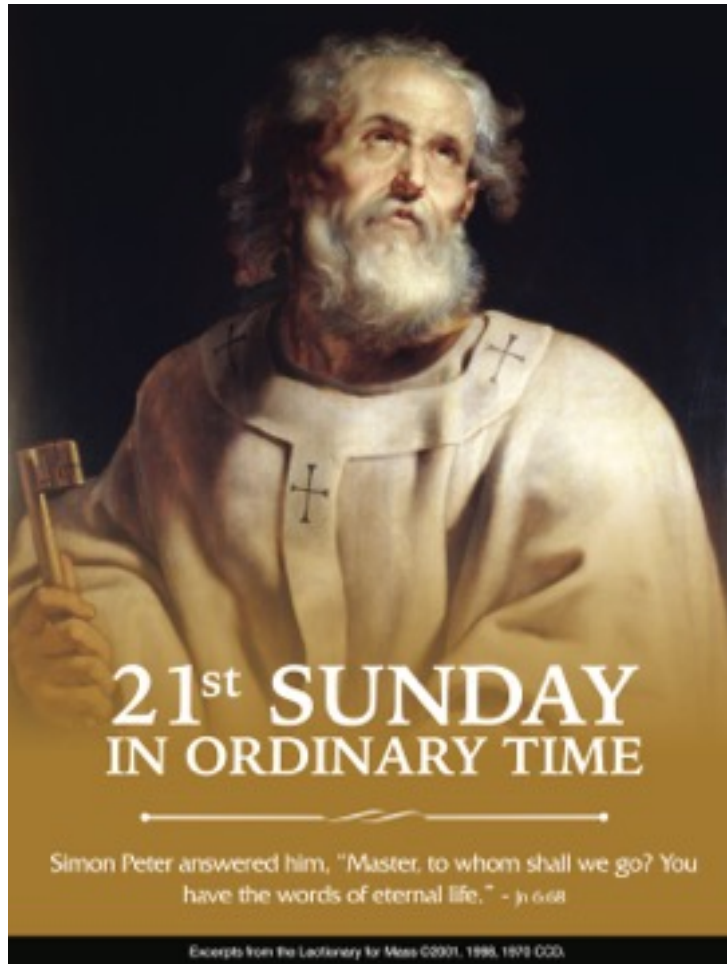
11:00 am (OF)

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

**August 22, 2021: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th Sunday after Pentecost(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 August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps

128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Harold Boden+)

Sunday August 22

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3,

16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn

6:60-69

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Robert

McDermott+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Ruben

Rangel+)

Monday August 23

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2,

3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt

23:13-2

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Curtis W.

Robertson+)

Tuesday August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,

17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Poor Souls in

Purgatory)

Wednesday August 25

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10,

11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -

(Norman Thomas Boes+)

Thursday August 26

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13,

14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (George

Torpey+)

Friday August 27

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6,

10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) -

(Kathleen Fontani+)

Saturday August 28

**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church**

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/

Mt 25:14-3

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Ruben Rangel+)

Next Sunday August 29

22nd Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

[1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Charles

Firsick+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Terry

Schlotman+)

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, Mary Ann Polina, 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)

STATE KNIGHTS' PILGRIMAGE

The Missouri State Council Knights' of Columbus is planning a day trip Pilgrimage to Laurie Missouri on Sunday October 3rd, 2021 Honoring Mothers and Family Life at Mary, Mother of the Church National Shrine at St. Patricks' Church in the Lake of the Ozarks.

There will be an air conditioned, restroom equipped motor coach bus taking pilgrims from Kansas City to Laurie. Bus will leave the Knights of Columbus Hall in Raytown at 7:00 AM and return at approx. 6:00 PM that same day. For more information on cost and to make a reservation on the bus please call Ed Columbus @ 816-810-2446 or e-mail me at edcolumbus@aol.com

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

Leviticus Explained: For many, Leviticus is a strange and difficult book of the Old Testament. As the third book of the Torah, Leviticus lies at the heart of the Law of Moses, and to truly understand it is to unlock a key to relationship with God. Join Biblical scholar Dr. Mark Giszczak as he takes you on a fascinating look deep into the Book of Leviticus where you'll learn about Love, charity, remission of sin, grace, as well as gain new insights into the Old Testament and see pointers to the New Testament.

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.



Lace up your sneakers to hit the ground running at Outpace Poverty 2021 on Saturday, September 18, 2021. This year's 5k Run / Walk will be an in-person event at Frank A. Theis Park. Proceeds from Outpace Poverty benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. This event is geared toward family teams, corporate team building, running clubs or simply anyone looking to support Catholic Charities' efforts to eliminate poverty. There are several ways to participate, including as a corporate sponsor, donor, participant, or volunteer. For more information, visit OutpacePoverty.org or reach out to Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, at BHilst@ccharities.com or 816-659-8274.



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1–9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

Weekly Contribution Income
August 15

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 2994.00
Plate: \$ 252.00
Online: \$ 1197.50

August Actual: \$ 14,630.50
August Budget: \$

Total Contributions: \$ 4443.50 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 33,607.50
Year-to-Date Budget: \$

(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.

St. Mary's Outreach Center News for July 2021

For the month of *July*, we assisted **53** families with food for a total of **133** people of which **24** were children and **24** were elderly. The food items included **1,111** items of food from our pantry. 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 **1,929** items of food. In addition, **11** homeless were served at the pantry and **25** homeless bags were given out off site. One emergency bag was given out. Two medical prescriptions were paid.

In addition, **327** items of clothing were given out, **4** packages of diapers and wipes. and **1** fan. Thanks to our Board Members and volunteers totaling **30** who put in **309** hours in support of our services.

Donations should be brought to the Outreach on Tuesday mornings between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. **DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS ON THE BACK PORCH AT ANY TIME.**

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."



St. Mary's Gift Shop

We now have a nice selection of fiction books ideal for taking on vacation.

Great fiction by Michael O'Brien
The Lighthouse
The Sabbatical
The Fool of New York City
Fathers Tale
Father Elijah

Other new titles and non-fiction;
Dear and Glorious Physician - A novel about St. Luke by Taylor Caldwell
Father Brown and the Church of Rome by G.K. Chesterton.
Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald Calloway.
Hope to Die - The latest book by Scott Hahn
Last Testament in his own words by Benedict XVI

The Gift Shop is located in the south vestibule of St. Mary's and is open after all masses on the weekend.

