

# 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)

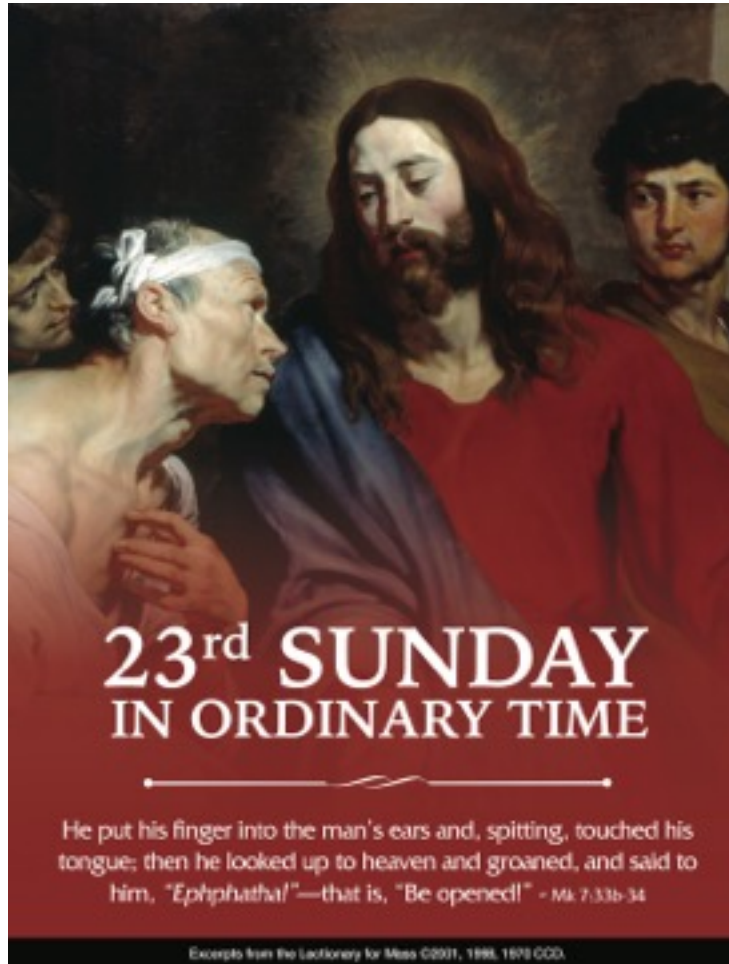
11:00 am (OF)

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

**September 5, 2021: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**15th 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 September 4

#### First Saturday

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8

[6]/Lk 6:1-5

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Scott Tebeck+)

### Sunday September 5

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

[1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Intentions of the William J. Brice, Jr. Family)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Virginia Forbes & Family)

### Monday September 6

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Curtis W. Robertson+)

### Tuesday September 7

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9,

10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Doris

Swarm+)

### Wednesday September 8

#### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps

13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Intentions of Sr. Teresita)

### Thursday September 9

#### St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

[6]/Lk 6:27-38

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (David Flannery+)

### Friday September 10

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a

and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Intentions of Angie Barrett)

### Saturday September 11

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

### Next Sunday September 12

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Carlos Cruz+)

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

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Poor Souls in Purgatory)



## Contact Information

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Kamps, 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)

September 2021



Rekindle the Romance. Every relationship experiences periods of drought, times when you wonder what happened to the passionate, happy couple you see in your wedding pictures. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend allows you to rediscover the love you have for each other and reignite the flame in your marriage. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be September **10-12, 2021**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org), or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)

## 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 a 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](mailto:edcolumbus@aol.com)**

## OUTPACE POVERTY

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](http://OutpacePoverty.org) or reach out to Brooke Hilst, Major Gifts Manager, at [BHilst@ccharities.com](mailto:BHilst@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8274.



## Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see [Revelation 21:1–5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.



**Weekly Contribution Income**  
August 29

**Annual Contribution Income**

Envelopes: \$ 2864.00  
Plate: \$ 279.00  
Online: \$ 602.50

August Actual: \$ 24,222.50  
August Budget: \$

**Total Contributions:** \$ 3745.50      Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 43,199.50  
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.



RCIA classes will begin the first week of October on Thursday evenings after the 6:00pm Mass. If you know of someone that is interested in the learning more about the Catholic Faith, please have them contact the parish office to sign up.

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "In His Real Presence"*  
*Eucharistic Congress*  
**SEPTEMBER 10TH & 11TH, 2021**

**St. Thomas More Parish**  
11822 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131

Friday Family Night:	FREE, registration required Register at: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STM10">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STM10</a>
Saturday:	\$15.00 before Aug. 15; \$20.00 after Aug. 15 (incl. lunch) Register at: <a href="https://kcsj catholic.org/Eucharistic-Congress">https://kcsj catholic.org/Eucharistic-Congress</a>
* Priest & Religious are Free:	Registration required via email to "sage@diocesekcsj.org"
Or, mail-in registration to:	Office of Divine Worship, 20 W Ninth Street KC, MO 64105

Highlights:  
\* Relic Room  
\* Exposition, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction w/ Bishop Johnston on Sat.

Hosted by: Office of Divine Worship  
816-714-2324

**Confidential Assistance for  
Parishioners**

St. Mary's Outreach reserves resources to assist St. Mary's Registered Parishioners with food, diapers and wipes, prescriptions and utilities assistance. Anyone needing assistance should call the Outreach on Tuesday mornings at 816-252-8649 between the hours of 9am and Noon. This assistance is confidential.