St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Nours: 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)

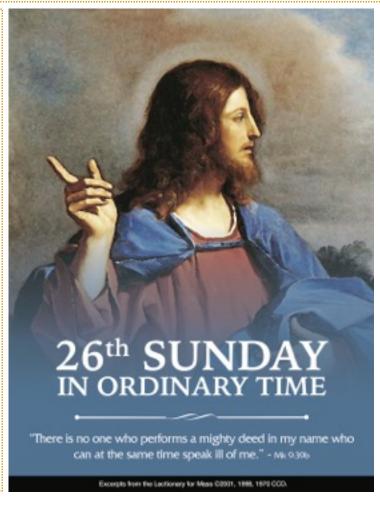
Sunday:

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 26, 2021: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th 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 25

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45 4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Gertrude Amato+)

Sunday September 26

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priesthood Sunday

Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Ruben Rangel+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

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

Miller, Sr.+)

Monday September 27 St Vincent DePaul, Priest

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Lynn & Christina Forbes)

Tuesday September 28

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

[Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Jeffrey

Klenklen)

Wednesday September 29

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Michael

& Fe Romano Family)

Thursday September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Tommy, Mikey, & Faith Romano)

Friday October 1

First Friday

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9
[9]/Lk 10:13-16

11:30pm - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Evelyn

& Lawrence Fischer+)

Saturday October 2

First Saturday

Feast of The Holy Guardian Angels

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35,

36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

4:30pm - Confessions

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

Next Sunday October 3

27th Sunday in Ordinary TimeGn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
[cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

10:30am - Confessions

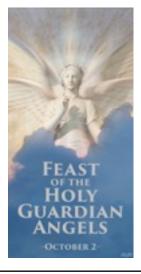
11:00am - Mass - (Colleen

Diamond)

4:30pm - Confessions

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

Shanahan)



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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

<u>crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org</u> 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, David Barrett, Jeffrey Derk, Joan Ishmael, Bill Janner, Teresa Janacaro, Frances Janacaro, Donald Kemps, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Sharel Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Deborah Monaco, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Michelle Rohaus, 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)

FEAGURED CD OF THE COONTH

Were the Gospels Anonymous:

Were the gospels really written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John or are the authors anonymous? Did the stories come to us through some sort of "telephone game" or by way of eye witnesses? It is vital to address the debate over anonymous gospels. If we don't know who wrote the gospels, then how reliable are the stories written about Jesus? Can we look at the gospels as legitimate historical sources for the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus? 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.

ADORATION COVERAGE

We are in need of adoration coverage on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2pm. If you are able to fill that spot, please call the church office at 252-0121. As always, thank you to all of our dedicated adorers who faithfully give their time every week to spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord.



St. Mary's Gift Shop

(Located in the South Vestibule)

Stop by after any Mass on the weekends to view our selection of Catholic books, Bibles, Rosaries, Wall Crucifixes, Prayer books, Children's books, Gifts, and much more.

Over 35 bibles to choose from.

A nice selection of Rosaries, Crucifix and Medallion Necklaces, Missals for Ordinary Masses and Extraordinary Masses, Gifts for anniversaries, Birthdays, First Communion, etc.

Books for children of all ages, from birth to teens, Books for adults, Apologetics, Fiction, Saints Lives, & New releases



Gospel Reflection by Dr. Scott hahn

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see <u>John 3:8</u>), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see <u>Acts 2:5</u>, <u>38</u>).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4). Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while

neglecting our neighbors?

Weekly Contribution Income

Annual Contribution Income

September 19

Envelopes: \$ 4106.25

Total Contributions: \$ 5747.75

September Actual: \$ 14,495.75

Plate: \$ 299.00

Online: \$ 1342.50

Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 57,695.25

Year-to-Date Budget: \$

September Budget: \$

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

Stop Most Extreme

Abortion Bill Ever NOW

Congress is about to vote on the most radical abortion bill of all time.

The ongoing push to force taxpayer-funded abortion in the budget process is terrible. **The so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" is much worse.**

In addition to forcing taxpayer dollars to fund abortion, this bill would mean...

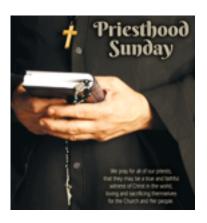
- Abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy would be imposed nationwide, even in states that don't want it.
- Pro-life laws would be on the chopping block at every level of government (federal, state, and local). This includes laws on parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections for abortion facilities.
- Health care professionals like doctors and nurses would likely be forced to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs.
- Employers and insurers would be forced to cover or pay for abortion.

We need to tell the House of Representatives that this horrible bill must never be enacted.

Please - can you spare just a moment to email Congress now?

https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/88288/Respond

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 <u>Online Giving</u> tab at the top of the page.



Priesthood Sunday Today, Sept. 26

What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. We are all encouraged to celebrate Priesthood Sunday.



St Mary's Altar & Rosary

Please join us for a General Altar
& Rosary meeting, Thursday,
October 14th, 6:30pm, in the

Ministry Center. Several topics of
discussion, plus, looking for new
ideas for this new session.

Looking forward to seeing you
there!