

# 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 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 Time**

Gn 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)



## 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, 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)

## 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

## FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

### 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.*



## 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 [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

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

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.



**Weekly Contribution Income**  
*September 19*

**Annual Contribution Income**

Envelopes: \$ 4106.25  
Plate: \$ 299.00  
Online: \$ 1342.50

September Actual: \$ 14,495.75  
September Budget: \$

**Total Contributions:** \$ 5747.75      Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 57,695.25  
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.



## 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>

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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!**