

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-11:45am
600 N Liberty Street | Independence, MO 64050

Mass Times

Monday: NO Mass
Tuesday: 12 noon (OF)
Wednesday: 12 noon (OF)
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)

Confession Times

Monday: No Confession
Tuesday: 11:30am
Wednesday: 11:30am
Thursday: 5:00pm
Friday: 11:30am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 4:00pm



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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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

Parish Registration

New parishioners:
Please fill out a parish
registration form either on
the parish website or by
filling out a printed form
near the church entrances

November 27, 2022: First Sunday of Advent First Sunday of Advent (Traditional)

Advent Lessons and Carols

Dec. 16th @ 6:30 pm
St. Mary's, Independence

Dinner with Silent and Live Auction to Follow
\$35 (person) or \$200 (table)
www.saintmarysparish.org



Join the St. Mary's choir for an evening of hymns and prayer in preparing for the coming of our Savior. Following the Advent Lessons and Carols all are invited to join us for a catered dinner and a silent and live auctions. Reservations for the dinner are \$35 each, or \$200 for a table (seating 8).

Among this year's auction items will be Limited Edition prints of some of the chapel artwork, slate pool table, Chiefs and Royals memorabilia and many other items. Please contact the parish office for tickets: (816) 252-0121; smoffice@saintmarysparish.org

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday November 26

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Jim & Dixie Altman)

Sunday November 27

First Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(+Barbara Hart)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Vern Orme)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(Book of the Dead
Deceased Loved Ones)

Monday November 28

NO Mass

6:30pm Choir Practice

Tuesday November 29

NO Mass

Wednesday November 30

St. Andrew

NO Mass

7:00pm Advent Series Begins

Thursday December 1

5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(James & Laura Holden
Family)

Friday December 2

St. Francis Xavier

11:30am Confessions
12:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)
(Andrea & Rob Paul)

Saturday December 3

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Steve & Margaret
Marriott)

Next Sunday December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Eunie Chan Barchak)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Hannah O'Donnell)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)
(Parishioners of St. Mary,
St. Ann, & St. Cyril)

*In the Extraordinary Form (EF), Low Mass is spoken, High Mass is sung

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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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance

Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

James Warren Bayless III, Mary Brice, Will Carlson,
Alice Crews, Jeffrey Derk, Gennilyn Eckard, David &
Virginia Forbes, Gene Foster, Carolyn Hampton, Mike
Higbee, Joan Ishmael, Teresa Janacaro, Frances
Janacaro, Shane Keeter, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce
Klenklen, Mary Lou Larsen, Nancy Lathrom, Sharel
Mawby, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Bob Mosier, Ke
Hun Ngo, Joseph Olivarez, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin,
Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus, Kenneth Tart, Lucas
Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Lucy Villigram, Peggy Vincent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

*PFC. Victor Rangel U.S Marine Corps - (Son of Phil &
Julie Rangel)*
SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL.
(Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
*IC3 Christina Smith - (wife of Josiah Smith, Grandson
of Mary Smith)*

St. Mary's Outreach Center

To assist us in our goal of providing **50 families** with
Christmas food boxes in addition to the Mercy Tree
Gifts, we will need some of the same items for our
clients' Christmas dinners: Instant Potatoes,
Dressing/Stuffing mix and Canned Cranberry Sauce.

These items may be placed in the baskets at all
entrances of the church for the 4th Sunday Food
Collection. Of course, any donation in cash or other
food items found on sale are appreciated. Thank you
for your continued generosity. *Happy Thanksgiving*
from the Outreach volunteers and Board Members.

Reminder

There will be **NO daily Mass** Tuesday (11/29)
and Wednesday (11/30) of this week, as Fr.
Ketterlin is still on vacation. Wednesday
Adoration is cancelled as well and will resume on
Thursday at 7am.

Altar & Rosary News

Nut Sales are still in progress. Order forms can be
found at the entrances of the church. Just place your
order, along with payment in an envelope and drop in the
collection basket. We will have a cash and carry after all
the weekend Masses on December 3rd and 4th. **Last day
to order is Sunday, December 11th.**

December Altar & Rosary Meeting

The next General A&R meeting will be held Thursday,
December 1st, 6:30pm, at the Ministry Center. Please
note this is a different day than normally scheduled due

St. Mary's Gift Shop

Notice: Annual Missals and Guides for 2023 are now
available. These items can be picked up in the Gift
Shop which has now relocated to the former Sacristy.

Come see our selection of prayer and meditation
books ideal for *Advent*.

St. Mary's Outreach Mercy Tree Project

Don't forget to check the gift envelopes for gifts
for our adopted families available in baskets at
the "Mercy Tree" in the Adoration Chapel.
Instructions are given at the baskets with the gift
tags at each entrance of the church. Don't forget
to be sure to hang the ornament included in the
gift envelope on the Christmas tree.

Please be sure to provide any food donations for
the Christmas food baskets: instant mashed
potatoes, dressing/stuffing and canned cranberry
sauce.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Advent I | Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: page 2-4
Mass Setting: Kyrie Mass XVII (Kyrie B)

Entrance Hymn: The Advent of Our King #3

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul...(pg. 904 #1)

Offertory Hymn: Creator of the Stars of Night #9

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty...(pg.904 #3)

Communion Hymn: Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All #130

Motet: *Of the Father's Love Begotten-Wohlgemuth*

Marian antiphon: Alma redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional: Wake, Awake for Night is Flying #11

Weekly Contribution Income

November 13

Envelopes: \$ 1405.00
 Plate: \$ 3804.00
 Online: \$ 797.50

Annual Contribution Income

November Actual: \$ 12,508.00
 November Budget: \$ 29,833.33

Total Contributions: \$ 6006.50 Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 89,364.11
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 141,708.30

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

As winter heats up, so does our heating expenses. Our gas bills from 10/8 thru 11/7 were:

Church: \$307.14

Ministry Center: \$186.60

Please consider giving a little extra during these cold winter months to offset the higher bills.

Sound System Funding:

Total Cost: \$25,000

Unmatched Contributions: \$7,050

Matched Pledges: \$5441

REMAINING GOAL: \$3559 in Matched Pledges

*All future pledges and contributions will be matched up to \$9,000.

When we reach \$9,000 in matched pledges, the project will be fully funded.

Book of the Dead

The Book of the Dead is located in the south chapel. We encourage you to write the names of your deceased loves and friends who have departed in the *last year* in this book. We, as a parish community, will pray for them throughout the month of November. **A Mass will be offered for the faithfully departed on Sunday, November 27th, @ 5pm.**



Our Parish is blessed to have a subscription to FORMED that all parishioners can use for free. FORMED is a collection of videos to help strengthen your Catholic Faith.

To start watching FORMED content:

- 1). Visit www.FORMED.org
- 2). Click "Sign Up"
- 3). Click "Sign Up as a Parishioner"
- 4). When promoted to "Find your Parish or Organization" type ST. MARY'S and choose the correct parish from the drop down menu.
- 5). Enter your name and email address and you will be logged in. *You might need to check your email to verify your account or receive further instructions.

Parish Stewardship

5 Volunteers: For a few weeks, Fr. Kendall has been looking for 5 volunteers to assist with part of the Advent Lessons and Carols dinner and auction. At the time of this writing, just 1 person has stepped up to help out. These are not long term commitments, but specific projects that are needed to help make this event a success for the parish.

Expert Help: To all have been given various gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some of these are spiritual gifts and others are practical: such as a gift of teaching, carpentry, plumbing, working with computers, or accounting. But all gifts are given for the good of the Kingdom and the building of His Church. Right now, St. Mary's is in particular need of assistance in the following skills and trades:

Plumbing
 Office Filing
 Website Development
 Mac(Apple) Expert
 Interior Design
 Carpet Cleaning

Parish News

Advent Reflection Series

***Wednesday, Nov. 30th @ 7pm**

Unity and Communion: During the celebration of the Holy Mass, the Church teaches us that Christ is particular present in 4 substantial ways. The first of these ways, is in the assembly gathered together. Indeed, the act of the Christian community physically gathering with one another is no small matter, but it is just the first sign of our unity, and unity which builds and strengthens, until reaching its summit with reception of Holy Communion. There are, of course, many steps along the way. In our first Advent Reflection, we will unveil some of the deeper ways that the Holy Mass is itself a source of Unity and Communion.

Blessing of Nativities

Remember to bring your family Nativity for blessing in 2 weeks, on the **3rd Sunday Advent**.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

5pm St. Ann's

8pm St. Cyril's

Midnight St. Mary's (EF)

Dec 25

8am St. Cyril's

8am St. Mary's

10:00am St. Mary's (Novus Ordo in Latin)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Cyril's and St. Luke's Byzantine Catholic Church are having a joint celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe.

Sunday, December 11th

11:30 - 2:00pm

@ St. Cyril's

We'll begin with the Akathist to Mary at 11:30, then celebrate with a luncheon.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish Sale

November 30th-December 3rd

Wednesday and Thursday: 5:00-8:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am - Noon

Coming to the Font: What is the Anchor of Your Life?

The monthly Carmelite Spirituality meets on Saturday, December 10th, near the feast of John of the Cross.

Following Mass at 9:00am, and exposition and Benediction, there will be time to gather and a short presentation on John of the Cross and the One attachment we all should have.

BULLETIN COLUMN
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Bringing our Offerings:

What is the first thing that you do when you go to visit someone's home? Most people greet one another and say hello. If it's a dinner party or a kind of event when you have a gift, you would most likely hand it to the host. And you would generally ask one another how you are doing, even if it's an empty pleasantry or just a thoughtless greeting (like we so often do at the grocery store). If it is a true friend, or family member, we answer honestly and begin our visit by sharing how life has been since our last visit, and if there had been any major events. This is not the time to go into a long, detailed account, but a short, yet thoughtful encounter. In a real sense, when we come to someone's home, we present two offerings: any gift we may bring, and we offer ourselves. If we don't. If a visitor arrives and he responds tersely, or with an empty response, we sense the holding back and his distance. And truly, if we visit a friend without offering ourselves, maintaining that distance and simply be present, has it been a real visit? Is the real value of any visit that we offer ourselves, in an appropriate way, to the one we are visiting?

It is the same when we come to the church for Mass. We are offering ourselves to our God and Lord who called us, no longer servants, but Friends. Our offering begins as soon as we enter the doors. We have entered the Hosts home and offer words of greeting. This is what we call prayer. The time before the liturgy begins is time for a personal greeting; for us to share individually with the Master of the House how we have been since our last time visiting. To come 10 minutes before Mass begins is not early--it is arriving in time to greet your host on a personal level before the formal events begin. This is also time to offer in prayer thanksgiving for the blessings you have received, petitions for any trials and to bring to mind intentions for others.

It is also important to note that this time of prayer and preparation is personal and not an optimal time for communal prayers. Although beautiful and powerful in their own place, prayers like the Rosary and other Chaplets interrupt this time of offering and private preparation. This is why the Church has never included them as a formal part of the Mass liturgy.

Beginning with the 1st Sunday of Advent, I am asking that there be a Rosary offered only before the 8am Mass on Sundays. I am asking that there are no publicly prayers led prior to any of the other Masses, this includes weekday Masses. In this way, our local church offers this worthy prayer to our Blessed Mother each Sunday, while allowing the faithful the time of personal time with our Lord before the liturgy begins.

