

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 & 11:00 am (OF)

5:00 pm (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form

EF - Extraordinary Form

Confessions are 30 minutes
before every Mass



Outreach Agency

Food, Clothing and
Prescription
Medication Assistance

HOURS:

Wednesday &
Thursday 9:00am -
3:00pm

(816) 252-8649
(Please call for an
appointment)

*Donations of food &
clothing may be
brought to the
Ministry Center
Monday - Thursday by
12:00 noon

December 15, 2019: 3rd Sunday of Advent

MISSAL

Readings, Text of Antiphons, Psalm: pgs. 28-30
Mass setting: Missa Simplex | @5pm and 8am; Mass XVII
(Kyrie II) @11am
Prayer Before Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice in the Lord always...* (pg. 905
#7); *Gaudete* @11

Communion Antiphon: *Say to the faint of heart..* (pg.
906 #9); *Dicite* @11am

HYMNAL

Entrance Hymn:	Rejoice, the Lord is King #139
Offertory Hymn:	On Jordan's Bank #7
Communion Hymn:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1
Marian Antiphon:	Alma Redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional Hymn:	O Come, Divine Messiah #4

*Please find red missals and dark blue hymnals near the
church entrances for Mass*

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

6:30am - *That Man is You (FH)*

8:00am - A & R Function (FH)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (+Baden Powell Ratterman)

6:00pm - K of C Christmas Party & Gift wrapping (FH)

Sunday December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9,
9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

9:00am-10:45am - *Parish School of Religion (MC)*

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass (+Dorothy Hullings)

12:15pm - Confirmation Class

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass (EF) (Benjamin Gibson & Family)

Monday December 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-2

11:30 am - Confessions

12:00pm - (+Ross & Verna Higbee)

6:30pm - Scout Committee Mtg (FH)

Tuesday December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-1

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (+Luigi Nannini)

6:30pm - Choir Practice (C)

6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

Wednesday December 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-2

10:00am - Morning Bible Study with T Douglas (MC)

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass (EF) - (Andrea Altman)

1:00pm - A&R Guild (MC)

6:30pm - Evening Bible Study with T Douglas (MC)

Thursday December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-2

10:00am - Secular Franciscans

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass (EF) (Holy Souls in Purgatory)

7:00pm - RCIA

Friday December 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) (+Gene Stone)

6:00pm - Annual Lessons and Carols/Penance Service (C)

Saturday December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps
33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a: 3a]/Lk 1:39-4

6:30am - *That Man is You (FH)*

10:00am - A & R General Mtg. (FH)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (+Parishioners)

Next Sunday December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,
10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (+Jim Rittel)

9:00am - 10:45am - *Parish School of Religion (MC)*

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass (+Max Martin)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass (EF)- (+Elizabeth Swarm)



Come Lord, Jesus!

Contact Information

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(Please contact Klaire to volunteer for cleaning on Saturdays)

WEEKLY READINGS for Ordinary Mass

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-2

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-1

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-2

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-4

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-2

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and
FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Barrett, Liz Crosby, Augie Cruz,
Bob DeSchepper, Brodie Gorbet, Jeffrey Klenklen,
Joyce Klenklen, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Jerri
Olivarez, Eric Palmer, Mary Pappas, Mark & Maryann
Polina, Anthony Rizzi, Michelle Rohaus, Bob Trusty,
Betty Underwood, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent,
Jean Wilcox

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)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf)
Command Chaplain
SSGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC
(Grandson of Jean Wilcox)
ICSN Josiah Smith - San Diego, CA. (Grandson of
Mary Smith) & IC3 Christina Smith - Virginia (wife of
Josiah)
CPT Eric Hoffman - US Air Force, Middle East
(Nephew of Chuck & Karen Vlasin)

Thank you....

**To JDi Concrete for generously
donating the repair of our church
steps!! We are grateful for their support.
Please contact www.jdiconcrete.com or
call 816-912-1906 for all your concrete
and asphalt needs.**

**Lessons and Carols and Advent Penance
Service:** Join us on **Friday, December 20 at
6pm** for a special St. Mary's tradition! Listen to
nine Lessons from Scripture, and sing and listen
to Advent songs between readings. Confessions
available during the service. *Bring the whole
family, and prepare your hearts for Christ's birth
at Christmas!*

Altar Servers

5:00pm - J Collins, J Rider
8:00am - M & T Holden, A
Rincon, T & T Spooner
11:00am - J Combs,
M Deggendorf, E&J
Diamond, T Gearke, R
Howe, A Talato, L Uresti
5:00pm - N Leete, N Smith

Lectors

2nd Sunday December 15th

5 PM: D Gilbert
8 AM: M Pontalio
11 AM: E Ball

3rd Sunday December 22nd

5 PM:
8 AM: S Leete
11 AM: E Holder

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) Masses at 4:00pm and 12
Midnight (EF)

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) Mass @10am
Congregational and choral singing of carols 30 minutes before all
Christmas Masses



*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 or the North Vestibule.

Please purchase the items, wrap them, place the gift
envelope designating the item enclosed on the outside of the
package and include any gift receipts. Please use plenty of
tape securing the gift envelope to the outside of the package

The gift(s) you purchase should be brought to one of the
weekend Masses and placed under the "Mercy Tree" which
will be located in the Adoration chapel. The gifts may also
be returned to the Outreach in the Ministry Center
Wednesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 9:00am to
3:00pm **no later than Sunday, December 15, 2019.** Please
be sure to hang the ornament included in the gift envelope
on the Mercy tree in the Adoration Chapel.

Thanks for your support.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

December 22 bulletin deadline -

Monday, December 16, @noon

AND

December 29 bulletin deadline -

Thursday, December 19, @noon

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 Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011, or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

What's So Great About Being Catholic?:

There's ultimately only one reason to be Catholic: because it's true. And the greatest testimony to Catholicism is how it has been lived out by holy people in every age. In this outstanding presentation, Jason Evert shows us how the Saints and Sacraments reveal the beauty and the treasures of the Faith.

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.



School of Religion and RCIA classes have begun! PSR meets every Sunday, 9:00 - 10:45 a.m. RCIA meets Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please reach out to events@saintmarysparish.org if you wish to enroll.

Here We Come A-Caroling:

A St. Mary's

Christmas Caroling Party

Saturday, December 21 at 6:00 pm

Outdoor caroling by candlelight, hot wassail and cocoa, dinner and dessert to follow. Free and open to all.

Sign up for FORMED! This is a free resource available to parishioners, containing unlimited access to Catholic movies, children's books, audio dramas and books...even Sacramental prep, Bible studies, documentaries, and so much more!!

Sign up by going to Formed.org/signup. Select "I Belong to a Parish", search for St. Mary's, then follow the remaining steps!

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH CENTER NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

For the month of **November**, we assisted **117** families with food for a total of **254** people of which **67** were children and **30** were elderly. **1055** items of clothing were given to **105** families. We assisted **2** persons with prescription assistance. **7** packages of diapers and wipes were given. **14** Coats and **11** Blankets were provided. Thanks to our volunteers who put in **342.5** hours in support of our services.

Thanks again to everyone who support our Parish Outreach Center throughout the year.

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord Always). so in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. You may see rose-colored vestments and additions to the church environment due to the special Sunday.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

DECEMBER 19, 2019

Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist
2100 N. Noland Road
Independence, MO
LOVE Incarnate gave us
The gift of the priesthood!
Join us in praising Him for this gift!
Give your Priest the Gift of a HOLY HOUR!

Weekly Contribution Income

December 1

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$	3815.00	December Actual: \$	5139.00
Plate: \$	256.00	December Budget: \$	27,500.00
Online: \$	1068.00		\$ 22,361.00

Total Contributions: \$	5139.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$	102,548.35
		Year-to-Date Budget: \$	121,000.00
			\$ 18,451.65

(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 Gift shop**Keep Christ in Christmas****Give a Christmas Gift that Keeps on Giving**

Bibles	Prayer Books
Rosaries	Crucifix Necklaces
Statues	Wall Crucifixes

Daily Readings for Advent

Selection of coloring and activity books for children

NEW PASTORAL CARE MEALS COMMITTEE!

Have you recently had a baby, been in the hospital, been ill or are dealing with grief? We would like to help you by providing you with home cooked meals. If you or someone you know in the parish has a need for dinners on a short-term basis, **please contact Colleen Diamond at lourdesspring@gmail.com or 816-260-7322.**

Also, if you are interested in helping to make meals on an as-needed basis we would love for you to join!

Altar & Rosary News**December Meetings -**

The **December** General Altar & Rosary meeting has been moved to **Saturday, December 14th.**

10:00am, Fitzgerald Hall. This is our annual Christmas meeting which will be celebrated as a Christmas brunch. We invite all A&R members, or anyone interested in learning more about Altar & Rosary to attend the brunch.

The Guild will meet on **Wednesday, December 18th.** Location/time to be announced.

Circle 6. This meeting has been cancelled for December.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, December 21st, 9:00am has been scheduled to clean the church for Christmas. If you can volunteer an hour or two to help clean, we would greatly appreciate it. **With the church now being tiled and the tiles needing to be mopped, we could use a few strong gentlemen to help with this task.** You do not need to be an A&R member to help. Everyone is welcomed. Many hands make light work. Meet in the South Vestibule. Refreshments will be provided.

Please consider supporting the **Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles** in Gower, Mo with



their award-winning Music CD's. They offer beautiful Advent & Christmas music.

Advent at Ephesus \$15

Caroling at Ephesus \$15

Christmas at Ephesus \$15

Orders can be placed on-line at:

benedictinesofmary.org or mailed to:

Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus

Po Box 303, Gower, MO 64454

That Many is You is a 26 week interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive! Classes started Saturday, September 14th, meeting every Saturday at 6:30am and wrapping up no later than 8am. It's never too late to join in!

**A Gift to St. Mary's Church for Christmas**

Please consider a gift to the parish for Christmas this year. Use the purple envelopes in the baskets for your monetary gift and place them in the collection baskets at Mass. Your generosity to your parish is appreciated and keeps on giving to the whole community. If you have any questions, call the Ministry Center at 252-0121