

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-11:45am  
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## 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



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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.

## December 18, 2022: Fourth Sunday of Advent Fourth Sunday of Advent (Traditional)



## 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 Christmas Day  
**8am** St. Cyril's  
**8am** St. Mary's  
**10am** St. Mary's (Novus Ordo in Latin)



## PARISH CALENDAR

### Saturday December 17

4:00pm Confessions  
5:00pm Mass (OF)  
(+Tony Rizzi)

### Next Sunday December 18

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:15am Confessions  
8:00am Mass (OF)  
(Parishioners of St. Mary  
St. Ann, & St. Cyril)  
11:00am Mass (OF)  
(+Velia Tebeck)  
4:00pm Confessions  
5:00pm Mass (EF - High Mass)  
(Andrea Paul & T.J.  
Rende)

### Monday December 19

**NO Mass**

6:30pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday December 20

11:30am Confessions  
12:00pm Mass (OF)  
(+Larry Fischer)  
7:00pm Advent Series

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

### Wednesday December 21

11:30am Confessions  
12:00pm Mass (OF)  
(+Robert & Elaine  
Spence)

### Thursday December 22

5:00pm Confessions  
6:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)  
(+Elizabeth Swarm)

### Friday December 23

11:30am Confessions  
12:00pm Mass (EF - Low Mass)  
(+Narciso Chan Sr.)

### Saturday December 24

#### Christmas Eve

Midnight Mass (EF - High Mass)  
(All Christians living in the Holy  
Land)

### Next Sunday December 25

#### Christmas Day

8:00am Mass (OF)  
(The Church in the  
United States)  
10:00am Mass (Novus Ordo - OF  
in Latin)  
(Those who have not yet  
Heard the Gospel)

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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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto: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,  
Bobbie Harris, 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)*  
*Airman Tommy Romano - Ariano, Italy  
(Nephew of Sr. Teresita)*

## St. Mary's Gift Shop

### NEW FOR ADVENT

Let us help you make this Advent special. We have numerous small books with daily prayers, inspirational thoughts, wisdom from saints, etc., to start each day of Advent.

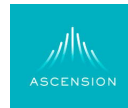
To help the children get in the right spirit for the season we also have:

Advent and Christmas activity books  
Coloring books  
Christmas story book  
New selection of saint's books.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Give a gift that lasts throughout the year.

Several new Holy Family Statues  
The religious theme "1000 Piece Designer  
Jigsaw Puzzles"  
Hundreds of Catholic books to choose from.  
Over 40 Bibles of all types, Hardback, Leather,  
Paperback, etc.  
New selection of "Spanish" language books &  
bibles.



Although man can  
man to seek him, so as  
mands of man every  
well as the witness of  
human heart, because man is created  
eases to draw man to himself. Only in  
ess he never stops searching for:

the fact that he is called to communion  
with God is addressed to man as soon  
as it is because God has created him  
in order to hold him in existence. He  
less he freely acknowledges that love

## THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

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### 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. Please be sure to hang the ornament included in the gift envelope on the Christmas tree. The gifts and any food donations (instant mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing and cake mixes and frosting need to be returned to the Christmas tree in the Adoration Chapel by December 18, 2022.

Thanks for your continued generosity and support.

**Weekly Contribution Income***December 11 (Not available)*

Envelopes: \$  
 Plate: \$  
 Online: \$

**Annual Contribution Income**

December Actual: \$ 5151.50  
 December Budget: \$ 29,833.33

**Total Contributions:** \$

Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 101,007.61  
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 156,624.96

*(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)*

## Confession Times

St. Mary's: Tuesday 11:30am  
 Wednesday 11:30am  
 Thursday 5:00pm  
 Friday 11:30am  
 Saturday 4:00pm  
 Sunday 7:15am & 4:00pm

St. Ann's: Saturday from 3:00-3:45p  
 2nd and 4th Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm

St. Cyril's: Wednesday 5:00-5:50\* (during Advent)

## Parish News

### Sound System

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to a new sound system. With your generosity, we have reached the goal of fully funding the project. I will keep you updated as the project moves forward.

### Church Decorating for Christmas

Come and help decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, December 21st. We will start at 9am, stop for Noon Mass, and then go until finished. Please consider helping out for a few hours to make the church beautiful for the birth of Our Lord.

### **St. Mary's Outreach Center**

Thank you for your participation in our Christmas baskets and gifts for our clients. We are in need of chunky soups, chili seasoning packets (we provide the hamburger, beans and canned tomatoes) for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of December donations.

We are also greatly in need of hats and gloves for men, women and children. These items may be left next to the food baskets or brought to the Outreach especially on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, or our regular pantry hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. For donations outside of these times, please call the Outreach at 816-252-8649 to arrangements for another time. Thank you.

**Advent IV | Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm:** pgs. 33-35

**Mass Setting:** Kyriale Mass XVII (Kyrie B) pg. 887

**Entrance Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above...(pg. 906 #10)

**Offertory Hymn:** Ave Maria #143 / #119 Ave Maris Stella

**Offertory Antiphon:** Hail Mary, full of grace...(pg. 907 #11)

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son....(pg. 907 #12)

**Communion Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #1/(*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel @11am*)

*Motet: Rorate Caeli Desuper-traditional chant*

**Marian antiphon:** Alma redemptoris Mater #5

**Recessional:** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns #8

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## O ANTIPHONS

### DECEMBER 17TH

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

### DECEMBER 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

### DECEMBER 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

### DECEMBER 20

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

### DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in  
the  
shadow of death.

### DECEMBER 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

### DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!

### MAGNIFICAT

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy  
Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.

BULLETIN COLUMN 4TH  
SUNDAY IN ADVENT



### *Sing with Mary:*

Beginning on December 17th, the *Roman Church* enters a privileged time of Advent. These are the days when our hearts are most stirred toward the hope of the coming of our Lord. As children, many of us could hardly contain our excitement because Christmas was so close; many of us had seen the number of presents under the tree growing; some grew in anticipation of family that would be arriving soon, looking forward to going to visit family. If all of Advent is a time of expectant waiting; sitting always on the verge, so close to stumbling forward that a deep breath may push us over; hearing that first foot fall of a long awaited loved one, yet stalled in silence awaiting the call of their voice, then this final week is the time when the Church reminds us of what is lying just ahead and who our long awaited beloved is.

The *O Antiphons* of Advent have been with the Church for over 1,200 years. To put it into perspective, St. Ethelbert, the first Christian King of England would have sung these for his entire life--the *O Antiphons* are older than Christianity in England. These are sung as part of the Divine Office. They are the antiphons which accompany the *Magnificat*, Mary's prayer that she offered at her visit to Elizabeth, as part of Evening Prayer.

The *O Antiphons* recollect our hope in the one who is to come, not only by recalling his names through the imagery of the Old Testament, but reminding us to be active and call upon him. We do not wait apathetically and passively, but with expectation as we cry out: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power! (The antiphon for Sunday, Dec. 18th)

We are reminded both of who Christ is and to pray for the salvation of the world and all whom we love. Christian prayers and anticipation are not like a child's who can barely wait to open his own presents, but are offered for the world. Today's antiphon names the Messiah as the Leader, or head, of the household of Israel. He leads, we follow. We are not lead alone, but as part of a family. He is also the one who gave the Law to Moses, such that even Moses followed him and listened to him. And we ask that he rescue us.

In these last days of Advent, and in preparation to receive the gift of Christ to your life, It is a good practice to pray the *Magnificat* each night, along with the *O Antiphon*. To sing with the Blessed Mother of God and join in her love and anticipation of the birth of our Lord.