

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)

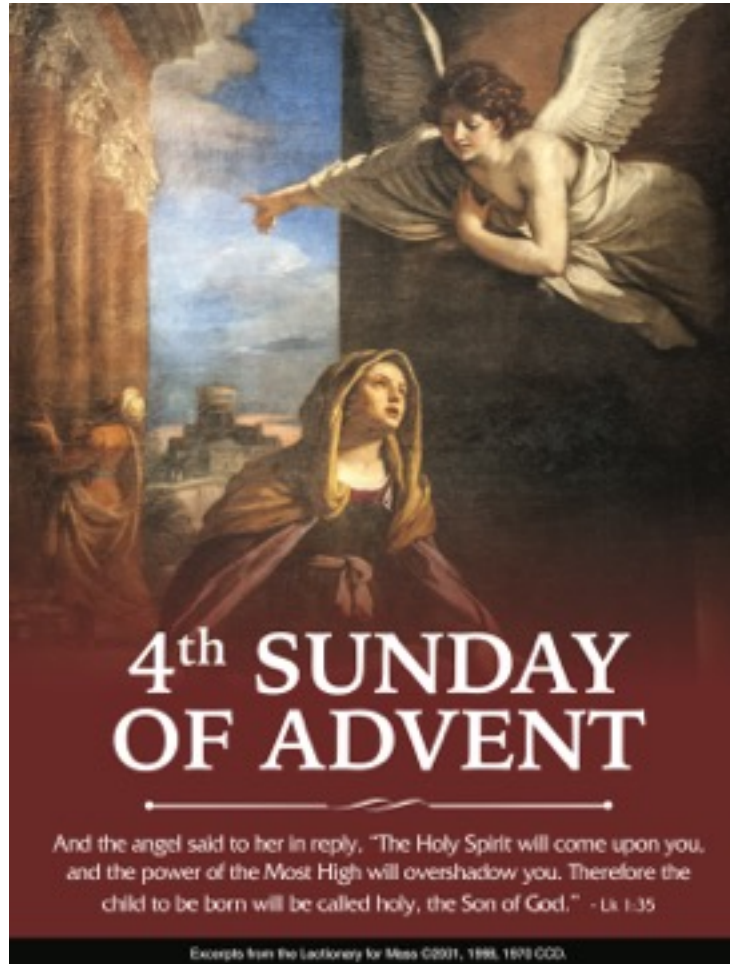
11:00 am (OF)

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

December 20, 2020: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 December 19

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

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Gene Stone+)

Next Sunday December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps

89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom

16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Van & Ruby

Baker+)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Nick, Rachael,
& Dom Anderson)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) -

(Parishioners)

Monday December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps

33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk
1:39-45

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - (Tess Hart)

Tuesday December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Elizabeth
Swarm+)

Wednesday December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk

1:57-66

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Bob
Trusty+)

Thursday December 24

Christmas Eve

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14

4:00pm - Vigil Mass - (Children,
Grandchildren, Great Grand-

children of Jim & Dixie Altman

12:00 Midnight Mass - (EF) -

(Parishioners of St. Mary's)

Friday December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
[3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn

1:1-5, 9-14

10:00am - Christmas Day Mass -

(Bob Trusty+)

Saturday December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4,
6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt

10:17-22

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Jessica Swarm)

Next Sunday December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6;
21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]

or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a,
8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk

2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-4

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Parishioners)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass - (Max Martin+)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (EF) - (Sherman
Harlow+)

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



PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Anderson, David Barrett, Augie Cruz, Jeffrey Derk, Brodie Gorbet, Donald Kemps, Jeffrey Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Harold Mitchell, Annie Moran, Ke Hun Ngo, Eric Palmer, Eric Parvin, Mark & Maryann Polina, Marie Ramirez, Anthony Rizzi, Michelle Rohaus, Harold Stewart, Betty Underwood, 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)



Altar Servers

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

Lectors

Fr. Bartulica will be doing the readings at this time.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

4:00pm Vigil Mass and 12 Midnight Extraordinary Form

Friday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

10:00am Christmas Morning Mass

Congregational and choral singing of carols 30 minutes before all Christmas Masses

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, 6pm Vigil Mass (OF)
Friday, January 1, 12noon Mass (EF)

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

This year of operations of the St. Mary's Outreach Center has gone by and has not been without it's challenges. As the Board of Directors reflects this holiday season, there are many people and organizations to thank. The continued support, during these challenging times, both financial and goods of all kind have been vital to serve an ever-increasing number of those less fortunate and those affected by the pandemic. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support the operation along with our special donors throughout the different liturgical seasons. As well, we would like to thank Father Bartulica, Tami Routh and John Williamson for their continued support as well as the St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus and St. Mary's Parish Altar and Rosary Society. We would like to recognize the financial, food drives and volunteer support of St. Mark, St. Ann, Nativity of Mary, St. Joseph the Worker, Our Lady of Lourdes parishes as well as Nativity of Mary School. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year. We pray that God will bless you as much as you've blessed us. We thank Him for your gifts, shared from a heart of love. We pray that God would touch you in a very special way and fill you more with his love each and every day. Your continued support in 2021 is appreciated.

Board of Directors of St. Mary's Outreach Center...

Glenna Coleman

Marie Hennigh

Margaret Cruz

Rita Hunter



Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent



Reading 1

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'" "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm

PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. (2a) **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";

in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity

and establish your throne for all generations."

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Reading 2

ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

LK 1:38

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Alma Redemptoris Mater

**Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre, cadenti,
Surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.**

Weekly Contribution Income
December 13 (Not Available)

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$ 3943.00
Plate: \$ 97.00
Online: \$ 473.00

December Actual: \$ 4513.00
December Budget: \$

Total Contributions: \$ 4513.00

Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 100,020.00
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.

Come and help decorate the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 22nd! We'll start at 9am and go until finished, dividing up into different areas of the church so that everything runs smoothly. Please consider helping us out for a few hours in making our church beautiful for the birth of Our Lord.



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



St. Mary's Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorarium

- * Mr. & Mrs. Willam Hart in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Hart Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Carroll, Jerry Barnosky, Mark Hart
- * Mr. Gerald Baxter in memory of Sharon Baxter
- * Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Nikas in memory of The Nicas Family, The Bayless Family, The Glorioso Family
- * Mrs. Kathy McMullen in memory of Martha & Corky Campion and Fred & Mary McMullen, Sr.
- * Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brice in memory of The Brice Family and Courtier Family
- * Mr. & Mrs. Robert Brosseau in memory of George & Aurelia Pavela, Michael Pavela, Rudy & Mary Pavela, Roland Brosseau, and honor of Gloria Brosseau
- * Mikale Talato in memory of The Talatos' Family and Elizabeth Peach and Parents
- * Mary M. Robertson in memory of Ray & Katherine Klieman Family, Rex & Lorraine Robertson Family, James M. Kerr, Curt W. Robertson
- * Michelle, Victor, and Valentino Pena in memory of The Pena Family and Tebeck Family



* *St. Mary's 2020 Christmas Flower Donations*

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pope
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