

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



4TH 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

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1973 CCC

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 22, 2019: 4th Sunday of Advent

MISSAL

Readings, Text of Antiphons, Psalm: pgs. 37-39
Mass setting: Missa Simplex | @5pm and 8am; Mass XVII
(Kyrie II) @11am, Creed: Credo III pg. 899
Prayer Before Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Antiphon: *Drop down dew...* (pg. 906 #10):
Rorate @11

Communion Antiphon: *Say to the faint of heart..* (pg. 907
#12); *Ecce virgo* @11am

HYMNAL

Entrance Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads #6
Offertory Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning
Dawns #8
Communion Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence #84
Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5
Recessional Hymn: Lo, He Comes With Clouds
Descending #10

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

PARISH CALENDAR

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
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Parishioners)

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)

Monday December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9,
10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass (Michael Magalski)

Tuesday 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 (Parishioners)
12:00 Midnight Mass (EF)
(+Curtis Robertson)

Wednesday 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, 9-1
10:00am - Christmas Day Mass -
(Cardinal Raymond Burke)

Thursday 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
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass (EF) (Jessica Swarm)

Friday December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
[12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (EF) (TJ Rende)

Saturday December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8
[7]/Mt 2:13-1
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (The Howe Family)

Next Sunday December 29

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph*
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
[cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt
2:13-15, 19-23
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (+Jim Rittel)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass (Parishioners)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass (EF)- (+Joseph
Foster)



*"O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, o' Israel"*

Contact Information

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Coordinator
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cleaning on Saturdays)
klaireboutross8@gmail.com

WEEKLY READINGS for Ordinary Mass

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps
25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 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

Wednesday: 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, 9-1

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps
31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/
Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6,
11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3,
4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-1

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elmer Albert, David Anderson, 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

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

December 29 bulletin deadline -
Thursday, December 19, @noon
AND
January 5 bulletin deadline -
Friday, December 27, @noon

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.**

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

4th Sunday December 22nd
5 PM:
8 AM: S Leete
11 AM: E Holder
5th Sunday December 29th
5 PM: D Gilbert
8 AM: M Pontalion
11 AM: J McElvoy

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

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31 6pm (Vigil Mass), and Noon on Wednesday, Jan 1



Please check out our parish choir's debut CD, *Sundays at St. Mary's*, recorded this summer in the church. This CD is a collection of typical motets and Marian antiphons you'd hear in a liturgical year, here at St. Mary's. The CD's are available in the bookshop for \$10 each, and all proceeds benefit the renovations at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Bookstore 2020 Wall Calendar

For a \$10 donation the bookstore is selling, at a discounted price, a beautiful Mary and the Saints Wall Calendar designed to suit every taste and inspire greater devotion to the Blessed Mother for every day of the year.

TAN calendars contain special feasts and fascinating Catholic traditions. They are marked with days of Fasting, special Saints Days, and the Sundays of the Liturgical Year for both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Calendar.

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

Why Almsgiving?: Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christmas, is a penitential season. One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the “inner logic” of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ.

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.

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.

Altar & Rosary Board would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful holiday as we prepare to spend time with family and friends. We have been so blessed this year with all of the support for A&R. May peace, love and prosperity follow you always. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.



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!



[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

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

Another year of operations of the St. Mary's Outreach Center has gone by. As the Board of Directors reflects this holiday season, there are many people and organizations to thank. The support both financial and goods of all kind have been vital to serve an ever increasing number of those less fortunate. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support the operation along with our special angels through the different liturgical seasons. We also pause and think of a dear volunteer, Roberta Vargas, who lost her battle with cancer this past year as well as those who have also passed. As well, we would like to thank Father Bartulica and the staff 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 2020 is appreciated.

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

Glenna Coleman

Marie Hennigh

Margaret Cruz

Rita Hunter



Weekly Contribution Income

December 8

Annual Contribution Income

Envelopes: \$	3153.00	December Actual: \$	9490.00
Plate: \$	312.00	December Budget: \$	27,500.00
Online: \$	886.00		\$ 18,010.00
Total Contributions: \$	4351.00	Year-to-Date Actual: \$	106,899.35
		Year-to-Date Budget: \$	126,500.00
			\$ 19,600.35

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

*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***St Mary's Christmas Flower Memorials and Honorarium*

- Mikaele Talato in memory of Sio Felagai, Kalala Talato, Ausalilo Talato, Pio Talato, All Talatos' Family
- Mrs. William Howell in memory of Dorothy Logan and Glen & Marie Howell
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Higbee in memory of Patty Brady
- Gertrude Amato in memory of Mark Anthony Amato and Dante Amato
- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis P. Atkins in memory of William & Fern Allen and Louis & Jan Atkins
- Ms. Elizabeth Ramirez in memory of Michael Polina, Sr. Julie C Ramirez, Nestora & Julian Polina
- Mr. & Mrs. Asalemo Amato in memory of SFC Michael Fuga
- Mr. Gerald Baxter in memory of Sharon Baxter
- Mrs. Mary Johnson in memory of Edward Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. G. Verhulst
- Mrs. Kathy McMullen in memory of Martha Campion, Corky Campion, Fred & Mary McMullen
- Charles & Jeanne Arnold in memory of Ralph & Catherine Farnan
- Michael & Virginia Hill in memory of Bill Keefhaver, Lorraine Keefhaver, David Keefhaver, Leroy Sater
- Mr. & Mrs. William Hart in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Carroll, Mr. & Mrs. William Hart, Sr., Mary Margaret Hart, Carroll/Reeder Families, Hart/Sweeny Families
- Joseph & Rowena Desmedt in memory of Mary & Felix J. DeSmedt, Annabell Smith, Kathey Collins
- Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Puhr in memory of Alice Jean "AJ" Waryer, William & Anita Puhr, John Freemyer
- Ms. Petra Rangel in memory of Marty Rangel, Charles & Delores Cruz
- Mr. Felix E Desmedt in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Felix J. DeSmedt
- Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Nikas in memory of James & Marie Bayless, Santo & Rose Glorioso, Nicas Family

*St Mary's 2019 Christmas Flower Donations***Mr. & Mrs. Mike Deggendorf****Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pope****Toni Moses****Mr. & Mrs. Gary T. Robinson****Mr. Alfonso J. Martinez****Mr. & Mrs. John Collins****Roger & Paula Cummings**