

# 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



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:10-11

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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 25 2022: The Nativity of the Lord  
The Nativity of the Lord (Traditional)

Joy  
TO  
THE  
World

**WISHING EVERYONE A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 26 - JANUARY 1

## PARISH CALENDAR

### Saturday December 24

*Christmas Eve*

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

### Sunday December 25

*The Nativity of the Lord*

**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)

### Monday December 26

**NO Mass**

**6:30pm** Choir Practice

### Tuesday December 27

*St. John*

**11:30am** Confessions  
**12:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(Jessica Swarm)

### Wednesday December 28

*The Holy Innocents*

**11:30am** Confessions  
**12:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(Martinez Family Intentions)

### Thursday December 29

**5:00pm** Confessions  
**6:00pm** Mass (EF - Low Mass)  
(+David Barchak)

### Friday December 30

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**11:30am** Confessions  
**12:00pm** Mass (EF - Low Mass)  
(Abby Peek)

### Saturday December 31

*New Year's Eve*

**5:00pm** Mass (OF)  
(Karen Swarm)

### Next Sunday January 1

*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

**8:00am** Mass (OF)  
(All Mothers)  
**11:00am** Mass (OF)  
(+Michael Martinez)  
**5:00pm** Mass (Low Mass - EF)  
(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](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

*Altar & Rosary*

Wishing everyone God's wonderful gifts of faith,  
hope, peace and love at Christmas and always.  
Thank you for supporting Altar & Rosary!

**Begins January 1, 2023**



Although man can  
man to seek him, so as  
demands of man every  
well as the witness of

a 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  
to hold him in existence. He  
less he freely acknowledges that love

# THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

*The Catechism in a Year*  
(with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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The Christmas season is one of the times of the year when we see some significant differences between the calendars for the Extraordinary Form and Novus Ordo. In particular, please be attentive to the Holy Days of Obligation. The upcoming days of obligation are: Epiphany and Mary, Mother of God. It is important that you attend Mass on the day of the celebration in the New Calendar: It is the date, not the prayers of the Mass that is key. If you attend the low Mass on Jan. 1, this meets the obligation, even though the traditional calendar celebrates Mary, Mother of God on October 11th. Likewise, while the Traditional calendar retains Epiphany on Jan. 6th, attending Mass on Sunday Jan. 8th fulfills the obligation, one is not obliged to go on Jan. 6th.

## Calendar for the Novus Ordo (Ordinary Form)

### **Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God** (regular Sunday schedule)

Sat. 12/31 5:00pm (OF)  
Sun. 1/1 8:00am (OF)  
11:00am (OF)  
5:00pm (Low Mass- EF)

### **Jan. 8 Epiphany** (regular Sunday schedule)

Sat. 1/7 5:00pm (OF)  
Sun. 1/8 8:00am (OF)  
11:00am (OF)  
5:00pm (Holy Family, High Mass -EF)

### **Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord**

Mon. 1/9 Noon (OF)  
6:00pm (St. Ann's)

## Traditional Calendar (Extraordinary Form)

### **Jan. 1 The Octave-Day of the Nativity of the Lord** 5:00pm (Low Mass)

### **Jan. 6 (Friday) Epiphany** 6:00pm (High Mass)

### **Jan. 8 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** 5:00pm (High Mass)

### **Jan. 13 (Friday) Baptism of the Lord** Noon (Low Mass)

\*Mary, Mother of God is October 11th.

**Weekly Contribution Income**

December 11

Envelopes: \$ 2926.00  
 Plate: \$ 2408.00  
 Online: \$ 1167.50

**Annual Contribution Income**

December Actual: \$ 11,653.00  
 December Budget: \$ 29,833.33

**Total Contributions:** \$ 6501.50      Year-to-Date Actual: \$ 107,509.11  
 Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 164,083.29

(Fiscal Year is July 1 through June 30)

**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.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR FROM ST. MARY'S OUTREACH CENTER

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 kinds, have been vital to serve those less fortunate. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who support the operation along with our special supporters through the different liturgical seasons. As well, we would like to thank the Father Kendall, Tami, Eric and John for their support; as well as to Rosemary Schmitt (St. Ann's parish) and Mary Puhr (St. Cyril's parish). In addition, we wish to thank the St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus (donated turkeys and hams for Christmas baskets), St. Mark's Parish Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Parish Altar and Rosary Society for their support this year. And we want to thank the parishioners of St. Mary, St. Mark St. Joseph the Worker, St. Ann and St. Cyril parishes for their support. Trinity Episcopal Church provided turkeys and hams for us to give to our clients. Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. We pray that God will bless you as much as you have blessed us. We thank Him for your gifts, shared from hearts 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 2023 is appreciated.

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

Glenna Coleman

Margaret Cruz

Rita Hunter

**CHRISTMAS HUMNS**

**Midnight Mass** | 12:00am EF  
**Mass setting:** Missa cum Jubilo pgs. 876-878

**Entrance Hymn:** Hark the Herald  
 Angels #15

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Dominus dixit***Gradual:** *Tecum principium***Alleluia:** *Dominus dixit ad me***Offertory Antiphon:** *Laetentur caeli***Offertory Hymn:** Tollite Hostias-Saint-Saens, Adeste fideles #14**Communion Antiphon:** *In splendoribus***Communion Hymn:** Silens nox  
 (translation #27)

Puer natus in Bethlehem #24

**Marian Antiphon:** Alma redemptoris  
 mater #5**Recessional Hymn:** Joy to the World  
 #21

**Christmas Dawn Mass** | 8:00am OF  
 in English

**Readings** | pgs. 51-53**Ordinary of the Mass** | Missa cum  
 Jubilo pg. 876**Entrance Hymn** | O Come All Ye  
 Faithful #14**Entrance Antiphon** | Today a light will  
 shine upon us...(pg. 910 #20)**Offertory Hymn** | Hark! The Herald  
 Angels Sing #15

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #20

**Communion Antiphon** | Behold, your  
 King will come...(pg. 910 #22)**Communion Hymn** | Angels We Have  
 Heard on High #18

Away in a Manger #26

**Recessional Hymn** | Joy to the World  
 #21

**Christmas Day Mass** | 10:00am | OF in  
 Latin

**Readings** | pgs. 53-56**Ordinary of the Mass** | Missa cum  
 Jubilo pg. 876**Entrance Hymn** | O Come All Ye  
 Faithful #14**Entrance Antiphon** | *Puer natus est  
 nobis***Responsorial Psalm** | All the ends of  
 the earth have seen salvation by our  
 God.**Offertory Hymn** | Hark! The Herald  
 Angels Sing #15

What Child is This? #30

**Communion Antiphon** | *Viderunt omnes***Communion Hymn** | Angels We Have  
 Heard on High #18

The First Nowell #17

**Recessional Hymn** | Joy to the World #21





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

- Ms. Elizabeth Ramirez in memory of Julio C Ramirez, Sr  
Michael J Polina, Julian & Nestora Polina, Brodi Gorbett,  
Mary Ann Polina
- Robert & Ann Brosseau in memory of George & Aurelia  
Pavela, Roland Brosseau, Gloria Brosseau
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Higbee in memory of George &  
Florence Huddleston, Patty Brady
- Mrs. Kathy McMullen in memory of Corky & Martha  
Campion, Fred & Mary McMullen
- Perry & Julia Hicks in memory of deceased brothers &  
deceased sisters of Julia Hicks, Crescencio & Carlotta Luna
- Rita Williams in memory of Jerry Williams, Dolores Galvan,  
Frank Galvan, Paula Galvan
- Joseph & Rowena DeSmedt in memory of Mary & Felix J  
DeSmedt, Felix E DeSmedt, Annabell Smith, Kathey Collins,  
Ron Karst
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary T Robinson in memory of Robinson/  
Madden Family
- Ms. Petra Rangel in memory of Ruben Rangel, Marty  
Rangel, Charles & Delores Cruz
- Mrs. Cathy Anderson in memory of Catarino & Lucy  
Villagran, Patricia Calderon, Frank Martinez
- Mr. Stephen Barchak in memory of Steve Barchak & Betty  
Barchak

## *St. Mary's 2022 Christmas Flower Donations*

Mr. John Collins  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard John Hatch  
Eric & Tori Thompson  
Mrs. Rita Hunter  
Mikaele Talato  
Roger & Paula Cummings  
Mr. & Mrs. Asalemo Amato  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pope  
Mr. Alfonso J Martinez

## BULLETIN COLUMN CHRISTMAS DAY



### *A Day of Rest and Adoration:*

A few weeks ago I was walking through the store when a few words of the song playing overhead caught my attention: Let's make this Christmas mean something this year. It is the kind of song that several years ago I would have loved and played over and over again. It is a beautiful idea of not only looking deeper in to the real meaning of Christmas, looking beyond Frosty's birthday and the Grinch's conversion, and being inspired to open the meaning of Christmas for others; to be more intentional about decorations and presents so that this year I could make it mean something special. I am also reminded of another song I found very inspiring several years ago. The refrain went like this: Heal the world. Make it a better place. For you and for me and the entire human race. And yet, both of these songs trouble me today.

The whole point of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord, is that we are not the ones who make it mean anything; we are not the ones who heal the world; we do not make it a better place.

On the day that our Lord was born, the world changed. All of creation was changed in an instant, not only because the promises of salvation and the redemption of mankind had been born into flesh. But the fabric of reality itself was changed. God, an incorporeal, infinite, immortal and eternal being became human, fragile, mortal, weak and limited. The One who raised the foundations of heaven and earth, could not even raise his own head. He came to make all things new. How could we possibly make his birth, the act of the eternal Son emptying Himself, mean something? Can we make a sunset beautiful?

Our task is not to make Christmas mean something, but to see the meaning that is already there. We do not make Christmas special; it is already special. As we often pray: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of your love and You shall renew the face of the earth. God poured out His Holy Spirit upon the virgin so as to bring forth His only Begotten Son, so that He would give sight to the blind; restore hearing to the deaf; give strength to the lame and the weak; and set the captives free.

This is the day above all other days, when we do nothing, but receive. God comes to us. He so loved us, that He has come. To love Him, adore Him, give Him thanks, allow Him to change the world; take rest in Him and in His salvation. Ask Him to show you the meaning of Christmas; to pull back the veil of the mystery just a little more this year. It is a day to simply look upon the face of Jesus and know that God is with us and He has chosen to heal the world.