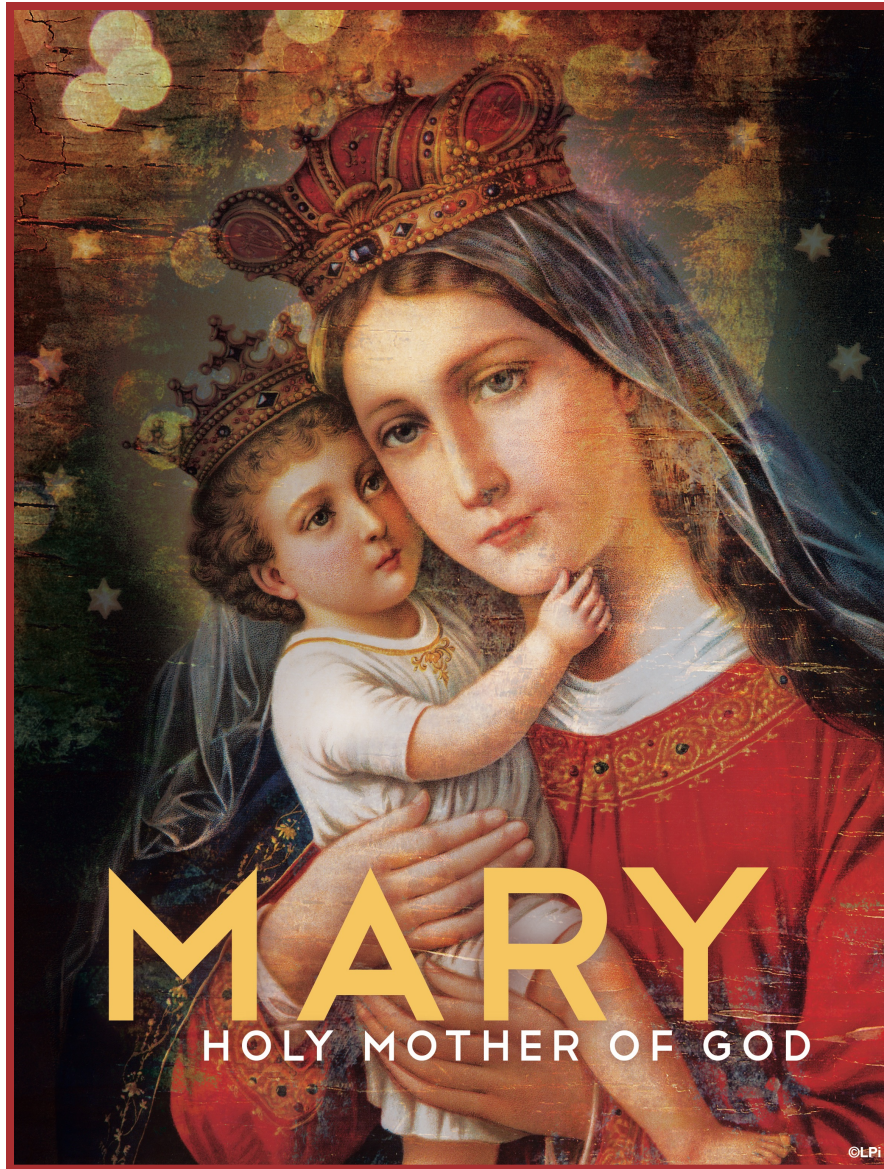


Saint Mary's Catholic Church



December 30, 2018 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 63-66

Mass setting: pg. 876 Missa cum Jubilo

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: Once in Royal David's City #31

Entrance Antiphon: *God is in his holy place...(pg. 911 #26)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Offertory Hymn: What Child is This? #30

Communion Antiphon: *All the ends of the earth...(pg. 911 #25)*

Communion Hymn: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen #23

Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional Hymn: Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly #32

Saturday December 29 Saint Thomas Beckett, Bishop & Martyr

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (St. Mary Parishioners)

Sunday December 30

The Holy Family

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Jerry Britt)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ (Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (Joseph Foster)

Monday December 31

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Vigil Mass -(Karen Swarm)

Tuesday January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass - (Curtis Robertson+)

Wednesday January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

Adoration after noon Mass today until Thursday evening @ 6:00pm

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm-Mass -(Norma Jean Gerard)

Thursday January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Adoration today until 6:00pm

10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)

5:30pm - Confessions

6:00pm - Mass- (Intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Friday January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

11:30am - Confessions

12:00pm - Mass~ (Cardinal Raymond Burke)

Saturday January 5

Saint John Neumann

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass - (James & Wanda LeMay+)

Sunday January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am - Confessions

8:00am - Mass - (Virginia Quintanilla)

10:30am - Confessions

11:00am - Mass~ (St. Mary Parishioners)

4:30pm - Confessions

5:00pm - Mass -(Tom Perez+)

Mass Times:

Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon

Saturday @ 5:00pm

Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am &

5:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

600 N.Liberty St. Independence, Mo.

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WED. & THURS. 9:00AM - 12:00PM

FRIDAY - CLOSED

816-252-0121

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St. Mary's 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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Annie Moran, David Barrett, Mary Pappas, Anthony Rizzi, Bob Trusty, KE Hun Ngo, Bob DeSchepper, Roberta Vargas, Tonya Huey, Brodie Gorbet, Pat Sicola, Richard McAfee

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)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendelton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalio)
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)

Dec. 29 & 30, 2018
5th Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - T & T Spooner, W Pappas
11:00am - N. Smith, A Talato, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - M Pontalio
11:00am - E. Ball

Jan. 5 & 6, 2019
1st Week

Altar Servers:

5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - T & T Spooner, W Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf

Lectors:

5:00pm - T. Douglas
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Collection: 12/16/18: 5,022
12/23/18:

Year to date total: 242,873



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Readings for the week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

As we celebrate this season of giving, please remember St. Mary's Parish. As we go forward with renovations to the north and south sides of the interior of the church, your generosity will help to complete the much needed repairs and beautification of this historic church that we call home.

~ May God continue to bless St. Mary's

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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.

Scott Hahn reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church

(see [2 Corinthians 6:16-18](#)).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth. Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called His "parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see [Ephesians 3:15](#)). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see [Luke 19:46](#)). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see [Ephesians 2:19-22](#); [Hebrews 3:3-6](#); [10:21](#)). In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see [Revelation 21:3](#), [7](#)).

Resolution #1 - Make Your Marriage a Priority. Your marriage is the foundation of your family. It is the "school of love" that your children attend and the "domestic church" of the faith. Make a resolution to invest in your marriage in **2019**. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you discover new ways to make your marriage the priority. The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be March **1-3, 2019**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at **816-741-4066**, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

**"Dr. Sasso's class on the
"LETTER TO THE HEBREWS"
resumes on Wednesday January 9,
2019 at 6pm in the Ministry Center."**

The Letter to the Hebrews, which uniquely gives us many insights into the Old Testament in demonstrating the superiority of the priesthood of Christ. It "actualizes" Old Testament texts by applying them to Christ, which underscores the pre-ordained divine plan fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Understanding the priesthood of Christ is central to a Catholic understanding of the sacraments. We will explore both Christology and eschatology as presented by the sacred writer in the light of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews is a powerful epistle, which is not fully appreciated by most Catholics and we plan to remedy that.

The 26th Annual Support, Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner, is scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2019, at Union Station, Kansas City, MO.

This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians!

This year's event is dedicated to Our Lady of Ephesus, and we have wonderful speakers lined up including Mr. Bill Quatman, founder of the American Society of Ephesus, and Reverend Mr. Nicholas Ashmore, Theology IV seminarian for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your seat, or table contact: Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com or online at www.supportourseminarians.com. To donate to the marketplace or silent auction, contact: Mary Quinn at 816.665.0380 or mardydeeq@aol.com.

Coping with Life Alone – a grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks begins **Saturday, January 5, 2019**, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church of the Ascension: 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS, 66213. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. To register for the next series, email register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Donna at 816.305.3760.

RETROUVAILLE

Is your Marriage in crisis? *Retrouvaille* has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Your marriage will find help and hope during your weekend, and the follow-up post sessions. The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109 on **January 25-27, 2019**. The registration fee is \$150 (deadline is Jan 24). Contact Jerry & Kim Bronder 800.470.2230 or email retrokc@gmail.com.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS: Save the Date
Dates of our 2019 Weekends are: **Men – February 21-24, and Women – March 28-31. Contact Judy 816.806.1997 or James Newkirk 816.807.7700, or email jknnewkirk65@gmail.com for more information.**

MAX PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Incarceration presents many challenges for our Catholic faithful, but you can help. Each month we receive dozens of requests from prisoners, from volunteers and from prison chaplains seeking bibles, catechisms, RCIA books and other items. Please prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to the diocesan MAX Jail & Prison Ministry Fund for Prisoners to help offset the costs of supplies and shipping so that more prisoners will have access to faith-forming materials. For more information, contact Laurie Jo at holmes@diocesekcsj.org or call the Human Rights Office directly at 816.714.2364.



God made us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together. We play together. We pray together. Together we use God's word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we serve our God. Together we pray for Heaven. These are our Hopes, this is our Faith. Help us to obtain them, O God, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen