January 28, 2018  Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 358-61
Mass setting: pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (@5pm and 8am)/pg. 876 Missa cum Jubilo (@ 11)
Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000
Entrance Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #96
Entrance Antiphon: Save us...(pg. 937 #114)
Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Offertory Hymn: Lead, Kindly Light #106
Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart...(pg. 969 #225)
Communion Hymn: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need #108
Marian Antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5 / Recessional Hymn: God, Whose Almighty Word #105
### Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
- **Saturday January 27th**
  - 4:30pm - Confessions
  - 5:00pm - Mass (~St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Sunday January 28th**
  - 7:30am - Confessions
  - 8:00am - Mass (~James & Camille Holloway Family)
  - 9:00am - PSR (MC)
  - 10:30am - Confessions
  - 11:00am - Mass (~David Barrett)
  - 4:30 - Confessions
  - 5:00pm - Mass ~ Sepagesima Sunday (Joyce Klenklen)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Monday January 29th**
  - 10:30am - Basic Catholic Catechism Course (MC)
  - 11:30am - Confessions
  - 12:00pm - Mass (~Pete Madrid+)
  - 6:30pm - Catholic Apologetis (MC)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Tuesday January 30th**
  - 11:30am - Confessions
  - 12:00pm - Mass (~David & Dorothy+ Hanaway) Adoration after
  - 6:30 pm - Choir practice (C) Noon Mass until 6:00pm
  - 6:30pm - Scouts

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Wednesday January 31st**
  - 10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)
  - 11:30am - Confessions
  - 12:00pm - Mass ~ ~ Extraordinary Form - (Rose Speer)
  - Adoration to begin after noon Mass today through Thursday evening @ 6:00pm.

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Thursday February 1st**
  - 11:30am - Confessions
  - 12:00pm - Mass - (Bob DeSchepper)
  - 6:30pm - K of C Officers mtg. (FH)
  - 6:30pm - Choir practice (C)
  - 6:30 - Cub Scout mtg (MC)
  - 8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Friday February 2nd**
  - 6:00pm - Confessions
  - 6:30pm Rosary & First Friday Devotions
  - 7:00pm - Mass (For all who have lost children through miscarriage & abortion, and for those having difficulty conceiving a child)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Saturday February 3rd**
  - 8:30am - Maidens of the Miraculous Medal meeting (C)
  - 4:30pm - Confessions
  - 5:00pm - Mass ~

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Sunday February 4th**
  - Scout Sunday - Scouts represented at 8:00am Mass (Coffee and Donuts after Mass)
  - 7:30am - Confessions
  - 8:00am - Mass (~Dan Garber+)
  - 9:00am - PSR (MC)
  - 10:30am - Confessions
  - 11:00am - Mass (~Debra Gilbert)
  - 4:30 - Confessions
  - 5:00pm - Mass (~Richard McCarthy)
Collection: 1/21/2018 4,259
Year to date total: 11,730

*Please call Tony or Debbie at the parish office (252-1021 ext. 101 or 110) if you would like us to send you a copy of your 2017 church contribution statement.

January 27 & 28, 2018
4th Week
Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - A Holloway, A Rincon
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith
Lectors:
5:00pm - S. Leete
8:00am - J. Ryan
11:00am - D. Gilbert

February 3 & 4, 2018
1st Week
Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers needed
8:00am - T & T Spooner
11:00am - A Talato
Lectors:
5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - J. Riley
11:00am - E. Ball

**St. Mary’s winter weather policy**
When Independence Schools close due to snow and ice, the parish offices will also be closed, and all parish events will be canceled.

If the Independence Schools close because of cold only, the parish offices will remain open, and parish events will continue.

*Masses will not be cancelled due to weather.

If there is snow and/or ice on Sundays, Parish School of Religion families may call the parish line (252-0121) and listen to the recorded message to check for class cancellation after 7:00am.

Confirmation students will be sent class cancellations via text.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
Patty Rittel, Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, Shirley Fraher, Annie Moran, Alondra Gonzales, Ruth Stewart, Alice DeMoss, Patrick Holloway, Dee Renneke, Matthew Richter, Jeff Gray, David Barrett, Gary & Doris Riebel, Sara Diaz, Tim Hagins, Tony Macias, Patty Vasquez

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:**
SFC. Christopher Kinnaman - Wainwright, Fairbanks AL (Grandson of Betty Kinnaman)
Fr. CPT. Brian Klingele - Korea, (Nephew of Ken & Karen Klingele)
Cpl Trevor Melton - Camp Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
Rev. Joseph Reardon - Bahrain (Persian Gulf) Command Chaplain
SGT Christopher Wood - Cherry Point, NC (Grandson of Jean Wilcox)

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JenniferValenti@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. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekc.org for more information.
Keeping all these things in our hearts….By Sister M. Regina

Looking around our parish church

Even though it is toward the end of January, when we come to Saint Mary’s we feel transported back to December, because it still looks like Christmas. Why do the Christmas decorations remain so long? Are we too busy to take them down? Are we not in Ordinary Time now (or the Sundays after Epiphany in the Extraordinary Form)? Yes, we are in Ordinary Time, not in Christmas- or Epiphany-tide. If you were to make a visit to Vatican City State (and much of Rome, too), you would see that the Nativity Scene still adorns Saint Peter’s Square and that Saint Peter’s Basilica (and many other church in Rome, too) retain Christmas decorations.

The Nativity Scene and the other Christmas decorations remain as an afterglow, as it were, of the Christmas Season. Even though, in one sense, the Christmas Season is over, we still continue to ponder the Infancy of Jesus. On February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of the Lord. February 2nd marks the end of a long 40-day celebration of Our Lord’s Birth that corresponds to the 40 days of Lent. On February 2nd the Church celebrates the day that Mary entered the temple with the Child Jesus when her days of purification after giving birth were fulfilled, according to the Mosaic law, and when Simeon made his prophecy about Mary and the Child. It is historically called “Candle-mas” because of Simeon’s prophecy of Jesus being a light for the Gentiles. Candles are traditionally blessed during the Mass of February 2nd.

Since next Sunday will be February 4th, please enjoy the Christmas decorations this week, because by next Sunday, they may already be taken down.

Beginning next week, we Sister will be devoting our weekly column to “things we see in church.” Almost everything used in church is rich in symbolism, and, when we know the meaning of the many things used in church, our life of faith is enriched. So, in the coming weeks we will be writing about dalmatics and tunicles, about palls and burses, about thuribles and maniples.

Today…. By Sr. M. Regina

This Sunday is called Septuagesima Sunday in the Extraordinary Form. What does that mean? Septuagesima is a time of preparation for Lent. In order to prepare for Lent, the Extraordinary Form “eases us” into Lent by means of the three Sundays preparatory to Ash Wednesday. Like Lent, the Alleluia and Gloria are omitted during Septuagesima period (only in the Extraordinary Form), but there is not yet an obligation of fasting (or abstinence). The priest already wears violet vestments.

"Septuagesima" means "seventy," and Septuagesima Sunday comes roughly seventy days before Easter. This seventy represents the seventy years of the Babylonian Captivity. It is on this Sunday that the alleluia is "put away," not to be said again until the Vigil of Easter.

The second Sunday of Septuagesima (next week: February 4th) is known as "Sexagesima," which means "sixty". Sexagesima Sunday comes roughly sixty days before Easter.

The third Sunday of Septuagesima is known as "Quinquagesima," which means "fifty" and which comes roughly fifty days before Easter.

“Quadragesima” means "forty," and this is the name of the first Sunday of Lent and the Latin name for the entire season of Lent.

The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal will meet on Saturday, February 3, from 8:30-11:30 AM, beginning with Mass at 8:30 AM. Girls and young ladies ages 7-16 are invited to join us. There will be opportunity to have a small breakfast after Mass. Please feel free to bring something to share for breakfast (fruit, muffins, etc.) The Maidens of the Miraculous Medal meet once a month and enjoy doing various projects for St. Mary’s, socializing, praying and learning more about our Catholic faith. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Margaret at filiaelaborismariae@gmail.com or by phone at 415-310-7589.

On Monday, February 5th, the study group for the Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet at 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary’s Outreach Center News for December 2017

For the month of December, we assisted 116 families with food for a total of 326 people of which 106 were children and 27 were elderly. 1,377 items of clothing were given to 118 families. We assisted 2 people with their prescription medication. 7 packages of diapers and wipes were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in 365 hours in support of our services.

We adopted 38 families for Christmas with gifts and food baskets with a choice of ham or turkey. A special thank you goes to the St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus for the hams and turkeys.

*** Did you know? The Outreach gave out 1,827 boxes of food in 2017 ***

As always, thank you to all who have made donations

Day of Giving
Nativity of Mary School is excited to participate in the National Catholic Educational Association’s (NCEA) "Day of Giving" on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. This is a 24-hour campaign for individuals to give to their local Catholic School. This year’s donations for Nativity of Mary will go towards new computers for our computer lab! Beginning January 30th at 8:00 am, donations may be made at: https://nativityofmary.giving.factsmgt.com. After the 24-hour period, donations will not be able to be made on this website, but you may go to our school website at nativityofmary.org and make donations there using the "Donate Now" button. Find us on Social Media and look out for fun challenges and help us spread the word!

ST. CYRILS FAT SATURDAY FUNDRAISER
DINNER & DANCE.
CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS SUGAR CREEK STYLE!
Saturday, February 10th, 6:30pm
Mike Onka Hall, Sugar Creek

RAFFLE, AUCTION, DOOR PRIZES, and FUN!
$25 per person ($30 at door)
Children 6 - 12 ~ $12

Ticket includes: Dinner, Beer, Wine, Set-ups

Looking for a way to dispose of last years palms? You may bring them to the church by Sunday, February 11th and we will burn them to use on Ash Wednesday.

St. Mary’s diocesan-wide Healing Mass for parents who have lost a child in infancy, miscarriage, or abortion ~ Friday, February 2nd
Confessions begin at 6:00pm; Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by First Friday Devotions; Mass at 7:00pm
In conjunction with Candlemas ~ Presentation of the Lord, Fr. Matthew will officiate this healing Mass, a special opportunity to commemorate the life of your child and entrust your child to the Lord’s care.

Be Sure to see any of the Knights of Columbus Officers in attendance at Mass to get your Advanced Tickets For This Year’s St. Mary’s Stakes Horse Race; February 17th
$7 in Advance $8 at the Door Night of Event - Children 12 and Under Free; Food, and Fun for the Family, along with Cash Prizes.
All proceeds to Benefit future Renovations to Fitzgerald Hall.
For More Information and Contact for Tickets Pick Up the Flyer at the Church Entrances.