February 11, 2018  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 381-383
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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #79
Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God..(pg. 937 #116)

Responsorial Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Offertory Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #44
Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill...(pg. 950 #159)
Communion Hymn: Godhead Here in Hiding #103
Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45
Recessional Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King #87
Saturday February 10th                      Saint Scholastica, Virgin
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass~ *(Angela Zaner)*

Sunday February 11th                     Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Confessions  A & R BAKE SALE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND
8:00am - Mass ~ *(Carlos Cruz+)*
9:00am - PSR (MC)
10:30am - Confessions  PARISH MARDI GRAS BRUNCH
11:00am - Mass~ *(David Barrett)*  AFTER THE 11:00 MASS IN FITZGERALD HALL!
4:30 - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass ~ Quinquagesima Sunday
*(St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)*

Monday February 12th
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ *(David & Kathleen Morrison)*
6:30pm - Catholic Apologetics (MC)

Tuesday February 13th
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass  Adoration after Noon Mass until 6:00pm
6:30pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts

Wednesday February 14th
10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ *(Ngo Ke Hun)*
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30 - Cub Scout mtg (MC)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Thursday February 15th
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - *(Ngo Ke Hun)*
6:30pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30 - Cub Scout mtg (MC)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Friday February 16th
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - *(Jim & Dixie Altman)* *Friday after Ash Wednesday*
6:30pm - Stations of the Cross (C)
7:00pm - Simple Soup Supper & Guest Speaker (FH)

Saturday February 17th                       The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass~ *(Betty Underwood)*
6:00pm - K OF C ~ ST. MARY’S STAKES HORSE RACES (FH)

Sunday February 18th                        First Sunday in Lent
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass ~ *(The James & Camille Holloway Family)*
9:00am - PSR (MC)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass~ *(Curtis Robertson+)*
4:30 - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass ~ *(St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)*

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Food, Clothing and Prescription Medication Assistance
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Wednesday & Thursday
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February 10 & 11, 2018
2nd Week

Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers needed
8:00am - A Holloway, A Rincon
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E Diamond

Lectors:
5:00pm - J. LeMay
8:00am - L. Gibbons
11:00am - C. Vlasin

February 17 & 18, 2018
3rd Week

Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers needed
8:00am - T & T Spooner, A Rincon
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith

Lectors:
5:00pm - T Douglas
8:00am - M Pontalion
11:00am - E. Holder

Collection: 2/4/2018 4,656
Year to date total: 20,852

*Please call Tony or Debbie at the parish office (252-0121 ext. 101 or 110) if you would like us to send you a copy of your 2017 church contribution statement.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Patty Rittel, Jeffery Klenklen, Joyce Klenklen, Betty Underwood, 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, Amy Salva, Ngo Ke Hun, Bobby Snook

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)

**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.

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

Stole, maniple and chasuble

Once a priest has vested in the amice, alb and cincture, he places on his left forearm a maniple. The maniple is a narrow strip of cloth, often in a design in harmony with the stole and chasuble and always in the liturgical color the priest is wearing. As he places the maniple on his arm, the priest prays: “Let me deserve, O Lord, to bear the maniple of tears and sorrow, so that one day I may come with joy into the rewards of my labors.” When a priest offers the Holy Mass in the Ordinary Form, he is not required to wear a maniple, but he may do so if he chooses. In the Extraordinary Form, the maniple is required. The priest wears the maniple only at Holy Mass, not when administering other sacraments or when offering Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

What is the meaning of the maniple? Originally, the maniple was a small towel or handkerchief worn for practical purposes, namely, to wipe away perspiration, or for ornamental uses. It was common for people of all ranks in life to wear ornamental handkerchiefs or cloths. The name manipulus was given because it was folded together and carried in the left hand like a small bundle (manipulus).

In the Middle Ages the maniple received various symbolical interpretations. It has become common to understand this vestment a symbol of the bonds which held the hands of the Saviour. In the prayer offered by the priest when putting on the maniple he mentions the cares and sorrows of this earthly life which should be borne with patience in view of the heavenly reward.

The priest next places a stole over his shoulders, and, having kissed the stole, he prays: “Restore to me, O Lord, the state of immortality which I lost through the sin of my first parents and, although unworthy to approach Your Sacred Mysteries, may I deserve nevertheless eternal joy.” The stole is worn by deacons, priests and bishops. It is the sign of the office of the diaconal or priestly office.

At the ordination of a deacon, the bishop places the stole on the left shoulder of the candidate, saying: “Receive from the hand of God the white garment and fulfil thy duty, for God is mighty enough to give thee His grace in rich measure.” A deacon wears the stole hanging on the left shoulder, crossing his chest and then meeting at the right side.

At the ordination of a priest, the bishop draws the part of the stole that rests at the back of the candidate's neck forward over the breast and lays the two ends crosswise, saying: “Receive the yoke of the Lord, for His yoke is sweet and His burden is light.” If the priest is wearing a surplice, as Father Matthew Bartulica does at Benediction, then he wears the stole such that both halves fall down straight. When he wears the stole for Holy Mass, the priest crosses the stole in the front. When a bishop wears a stole as Holy Mass, he never crosses it in the front.

The chasuble is the outermost vestment worn by the celebrant at Holy Mass. It hangs down from the shoulders, in front and behind, down either to the knees or even lower, depending on the style. The vesting prayer for the chasuble is: “O Lord Who has said, ‘My yoke is easy and my burden is light,’ grant that I may carry it so as to obtain Your grace.” The chasuble, stole, maniple and the veil for the chalice (to be described in a future article) are made as a set of vestments, of the same materials, color and design.

The Sisters Need You!

Sister Margaret and Sister Paige will receive the holy habit on March 3rd to become the first novices of Labor Mariae! Would you like to support these sisters on their special day? Here’s how to do it:

1) Praying for the sisters and attending the investiture Mass on March 3rd @ 10 am
2) Bring a dish to share at the reception luncheon.
3) Help with reception setup and cleanup

If you are able to help in any of the above ways, please email: filiaelaborismariae@gmail.com

If you are so kind as to bring a dish, please let us know what you will bring. Thank you for your help with this beautiful day!
You are invited to the Parish Mardi Gras Brunch immediately following the 11:00 Mass this weekend in Fitzgerald Hall. The menu includes: Cajun Breakfast Casserole, biscuits & gravy, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee, juice and King Cakes. Beads & Masks on every table! A free will offering will be accepted.

~St. Mary’s Fridays of Lent~
Come and pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 6:30pm, then join us afterward for a simple soup supper and a brief reflection in Fitzgerald Hall. You can find the full schedule of speakers on our FaceBook page as well as in the flyers at the entrances of the church. Please consider joining us and making these Friday’s of Lent a part of your Lenten devotion this year.

Altar & Rosary News
Blessings to all in 2018! A&R is working on a few social events for the coming months. News to follow as soon as they are secured. I would like to thank everyone that helped with the holiday cleaning prior to Christmas. With the helping hands of volunteers, we accomplished a lot of cleaning for Christmas. A big thank you to all who helped! This could not have been done without you.
- **Calling all Quilters**
  Do you know how to quilt or have a desire to learn? Then the A&R quilting group is looking for you. The quilters meet on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All levels of quilters are welcome. Please contact Darlene Huey, 833-1223 if you are interested or would like more information.
- **Seeking Disciples for Sewing Linens**
  Do you have a talent for sewing? If so, we are seeking volunteers to help sew Altar Linens. Interested? Please contact Maggie Cruz, 833-4733. If you’re unable to attend the general meetings or join a circle but would like to support the work of the Altar & Rosary Society, this a wonderful way to help. This will be an ongoing project, as needed.
- **Coming round the Track!**
  Help support the Knights at the Horse Racing event on Saturday, February 17th. This is a fun, exciting event and fun for the whole family. Will your horse be the next king of the Derby? Buy your tickets in advance. Unable to attend? Buy a ticket and pass on to a friend or buy a horse/sponsor a race. Remember, proceeds to benefit future Fitzgerald Hall kitchen renovations.
  A&R is seeking dessert donations for this event. If you are able to contribute a dessert, please drop off in Fitz Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. Mass on February 17th. Let’s make this a great evening!
- **General Altar & Rosary Society Meeting & Circle meetings**
  The Guild will meet on Wednesday, February 21st, 1 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Weather permitting. Reminder to request to be placed on the prayer list should the need arise. Circle 6 will meet on Wednesday, February 28th, 6 p.m. in Fitzgerald Hall. Please note location/time change. As always, if you are not yet a member and would like to be, new members are always welcome to any of the scheduled meetings. It is never too late to join.
- **Blood Drive**
  Mark your calendars for the first blood drive of 2018. This event is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th, 3:00pm-6:30pm, in Fitzgerald Hall. Book your appointment today at esavealifenow.org, enter Sponsor Code: stmarycatholic. For additional details contact Kathryn Falco at 816.797-5348.

**FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH**

**Could God Love Someone Like Me?**
Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. Fr. Mike debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God’s mercy and forgiveness in Confession. 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.