February 17, 2018  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 383-385
Mass setting: pg. 850 Missa Simplex I (@5pm and @8am); pg. 873 Missa de Angelis (@11)
Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (before Mass): pg. 1000
Entrance Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #96
Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector O God...(pg. 937 #116); (Esto mihi @11)
Responsorial Psalm: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
Offertory Hymn: O Bless the Lord My Soul #94
Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill...(pg. 950 #159); (Manducaverunt @11)
Communion Hymn: Jesus My Lord My God My All #130
Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45
Recessional Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising #89
Saturday February 16
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (David Huey+)
6:00pm - Knights of Columbus Horse racing (FH)

Sunday February 17  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Virginia Quintanilla)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass- (Eugene & Mary Diamond)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Thomas Perez+)

Monday February 18 Presidents Day
11:30 am -Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Rose Speer+)
6:30pm - Scout Committee mtg. (FH)

Tuesday February 19
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass- (Living & deceased members of St. Mary’s Parish)
6:30pm - Scouts (FH)

Wednesday February 20
Adoration after noon Mass today until Thursday evening @ 6:00pm
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm-Mass - (Eugene Diamond)
1:00pm - Altar & Rosary Society mtg. (MC)

Thursday February 21
Adoration today until 6:00pm
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
5:30pm - Confessions
6:00pm - Mass- (Sarah Mahoney)

Friday February 22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass- (Holy Souls in Purgatory)

Saturday February 23 Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm -Mass - (David Huey+)
6:00pm - Knights of Columbus Horse racing (FH)

Sunday February 24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - (Grandchildren of Kenny & Debbie Gilbert)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass- (Jim Hare+)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - (Joe Magalski+)

Mass Times:
Monday - Friday @ 12:00 Noon
Saturday @ 5:00pm
Sunday @ 8:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

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Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm
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*Donations of food & clothing may be brought to the Ministry Center
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Feb. 16 & 17, 2019
3rd 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 - S. Leete
8:00am - D. Gilbert
11:00am - E. Ball

Feb. 23 & 24, 2019
4th Week
Altar Servers:
5:00pm - Volunteers
8:00am - A Rincon, W Pappas
11:00am - A Talato, N Smith, E & J Diamond, M Deggendorf
Lectors:
5:00pm - S. Leete
8:00am - D. Gilbert
11:00am - E. Ball

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, Richard McAfee, Patricia Williamson, Liz Crosby, Robert Lappat, Beverly Boynton

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 Pendleton, CA (Grandson of Marilyn Pontalion)
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)

Collection: 2/10/2019: 4,219
Year to date contributions: 29,710

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Readings for the week of February 17, 2019
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
Rich in Poverty: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state. The rich are “the insolent” of today’s Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's “Magnificat.” There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45-55 also 16:19-31). That’s the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life. The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we’re to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.” The blessings of God mean that we’ll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1-2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3-9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

As we prepare for Lent (Ash Wednesday is March 6) plan to join us on Sunday, March 3 for a presentation given by Fr. Leon Pereira, Dominican Friar and chaplain to the english-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Fr. Pereira will be speaking on ‘The Precepts of the Church and Marian Apparitions; what does the Church say about Medjugorje?’ Fr. Leon will celebrate the 5:00pm Mass on March 3. His talk along with a simple reception will follow Mass in Fitzgerald Hall.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi with Bishop Johnston

Join Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr and Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph for a first-class pilgrimage with 3 nights in Rome and 3 nights in Assisi from October 6-13 with an optional extended tour to Florence and Venice from October 13-17. This will be the first pilgrimage led by Bishop Johnston since his ordination as a bishop in 2008. As pilgrims, we will receive special privileges at many holy sites with Bishop Johnston as our spiritual guide. While in Assisi, we will take a half-day tour to visit the Basilica of St. Rita of Cascia, the patron saint of impossible causes. Daily Mass, rosary and confession available in addition to all the spiritual benefits available for making this pilgrimage. Visit the website www.pilgrimages.com/catholiccharitieskcsj/ to learn more details on this spiritually enriching opportunity. We are limiting the number of pilgrims on this trip so the earlier you send in your deposit, the better chance you have of reserving your spot.
**St. Mary’s Winter Weather Policy:**
If the Independence School District is closed due to **ICE or SNOW**, the Parish offices will be closed and all parish sponsored events are canceled. **THIS INCLUDES ADORATION.**

If the Independence School district is closed due to **COLD TEMPERATURE**, the parish offices will remain open and all parish sponsored events will continue as scheduled, **INCLUDING ADORATION.**

**Mass will NEVER be canceled due to inclement weather. Please use your good judgment.**

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**FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH**

**The Crisis of Happiness:** When you hear the word “addiction”, what typically comes to mind? Needles? Alcohol? Pills? As Jim Owens, MA, LPC explains, addiction is much simpler, including everything from substances to technology, screen time, work, shopping and even sugar. Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but in the process, end up damaging our brains, our relationships, and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim gives us scientific evidence and practical advice for overcoming wounds, to help hurt people become healed people.

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.

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- **A Warm Welcome to our Newest Parishioners!**
  - Stacey Emhoff & Family
  - Joseph Hollo
  - Courtney Stewart

- **Congratulations to Harrison & Isabelle Butker**
on the baptism of their son James Augustine.
  James was baptized here on February 9.

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**ST. CYRIL’S CHURCH**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 6:30 P.M.**

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**Blood Drive**

Seeking a disciple/disciples to head up the annual blood drive. If you are interested in heading up the blood drive beginning in 2019 or would like more information, please contact [Cathy Anderson](718-6547) or [catherineanderson2@comcast.net](mailto:catherineanderson2@comcast.net).

Please be sure to put in the subject line “blood drive”. You do not need to be a member of the Altar & Rosary Society, anyone can be in charge. There are two Blood Drives per year. Our donations help many people in need. Let’s make this St Mary’s tradition a continued success.

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**Bunko**

**Bunko Ladies Night Saturday, February 23rd, 6:00pm, Fitz Hall.** Sandwiches will be served but please bring a snack to share. **$5.00 per person.** All ladies welcomed!

**Please note:** This is weather permitting. If the weather seems questionable, please contact Cathy Anderson @ 718-6547 to inquire if this event has been canceled.

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**This weekend’s Altar Flowers have been provided by the Anderson Family in loving memory of Patricia Calderon.**