Saint Mary’s Catholic Church

February 4, 2018  Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings and Psalm: pgs. 369-372
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: Worship the Lord #91
Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God...(pg. 937 #115)
Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Offertory Hymn: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #78
Communion Antiphon: I will come to the altar of God...(pg. 949 #158)
Communion Hymn: Soul of My Savior #112
Marian Antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45
Recessional Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #88
Saturday February 3rd  Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Saint Ansgar, Bishop
8:30am - Maidens of the Miraculous Medal meeting (C)
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass~

Sunday February 4th  Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 ~ Sexagesima Sunday (Richard McCarthy)

Monday February 5th  Saint Agatha Virgin & Martyr
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ (Margarita Magalski+)
6:30pm - Catholic Apologetis (MC)

Tuesday February 6th  Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass (Eugene Diamond)  Adoration after
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts

Wednesday February 7th  Saint Romuald, Abbot
10:15am - CGS Atrium (MC Basement)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ Extraordinary Form - (Hub Lynch+)
Adoration to begin after noon Mass today through Thursday evening @ 6:00pm.

Thursday February 8th  Sts Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (David Hamilton)
6:30pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30 - Cub Scout mtg (MC)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Friday February 9th  Saint Cyril of Alexandria
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - (Holy Souls in Purgatory)

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
8:00am - Mass ~ (Carlos Cruz+)
9:00am - PSR (MC)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass ~ (David Barrett)
4:30 - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass ~ Quinquagesima Sunday
(St. Mary & St. Cyril Parishioners)
February 3 & 4, 2018
1st Week

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

Smith, E. Diamond

Lectors:
5:00pm - T. Douglas
8:00am - J. Riley
11:00am - E. Ball

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

**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.

Collection: 1/21/2018 4,466
Year to date total: 16,196

*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 Hagens, Tony Macias, Patty Vasquez, Amy Salva, Ngo Ke Hun

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)

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@diocesekJcsj.org for more information.

**Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018**

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Keeping all these things in our hearts…By Sister M. Regina

A: Alb and Amice… and Cincture

Our clothing in general is not only useful, in the sense that it protects us from cold and from exposure, but our clothing is also meaningful and symbolic. At a funeral, we traditionally wear black as a means of expression our sorrow at death. At First Holy Communion, a young boy or girl dresses in white to give expression to the purity of his heart in first receiving Jesus. The police officer wears his uniform, in order to be recognizable as an officer of law. The religious sister wears a habit and veil as an outward sign of her consecration to God.

When a priest offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he is performing the greatest service possible for all mankind, and he dresses suitably for the occasion. Even in the Old Testament, God gave instructions about the vestments of the Levite priests (see Ex 28:4). Each of the vestments the priest wears for liturgical functions has a symbolic meaning. To remind himself of the symbolic meaning of each element of his vesture, there are prayers which accompany the putting on of each garment.

The first garment with which the priest vests is the amice. An amice is a piece of white cloth (typically linen) which covers the priest’s shoulders. As he puts on the amice, the priest prays: “Place, O Lord, on my head the helmet of salvation, that I may overcome the assaults of the devil.” The priest first places the cloth for a moment on his head, and then he places it over his shoulders and uses the ties to secure the amice. The amice covers the priest’s collar and shoulders and that is significant. When the priest offers the Holy Mass, we do not see the clothing he wears outside of Holy Mass. Just as we do not see his usual clothes, so we are encouraged not to see the person of the priest at Holy Mass, but to see Jesus. It is truly Jesus who is offering the Holy Mass in the person of His priest. The priest’s own clothes, his own personality, his preferences, etc., are hidden by his vestments, so that we see more clearly only Jesus.

After the amice, the priest puts on the alb. An alb is a long white tunic, typically made of linen, which extends to the floor, with long sleeves, so that it almost envelops the priest’s whole body. As he puts on the alb, the priest prays: “Purify me, O Lord, from all stain and cleanse my heart, that washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may enjoy eternal delights.” The color white signifies purity, and it is for that reason that both amice and alb (and the linens used at Holy Mass) are white. The priest is like the white Lamb of God; he is like those who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb (cf. Rev 7:14).

Around the alb, the priest fastens the cincture or girdle, which is a cord fastened around the waist. Although the cincture is often white, it is sometimes in a color to coordinate with the liturgical color of the day. As he fastens the cincture, the priest prays: “Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and quench in my heart the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may remain in me.” Priests have made the promise of perfect chastity, in order that they may belong wholly to Jesus and give themselves, with Him, to His Bride the Church. The priest prays each day to be faithful to the gift of his priesthood, the gift of Himself for the sake of His Bride the Church.

When we see a priest at Holy Mass, vested in amice, alb and cincture, let us remember to pray for him so that he may become ever more an alter Christus, another Christ, in every way. Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd, grant that all Your priests may be formed ever more after Your Heart!

On Monday, February 5th, the study group for the Basic Catholic Catechism Course will meet at 10:30 a.m.

St. Mary’s Parish wishes to extend its sympathy to the Dorothy Hanaway family on the occasion of her passing. Dorothy passed away on January 19th. Her husband Dave would like to thank the parish for all of our thoughts and prayers that comforted him during this difficult time.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Shirley Fraher. Shirley was a member of St. Mary’s Parish for 94 years. Shirley passed away on January 26th. May Dorothy and Shirley rest in the peace of Christ—
ITS MARDI GRAS TIME AGAIN!

WHAT: YOU'RE INVITED TO A MARDI GRAS BRUNCH
WHEN: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AFTER THE 11:00 MASS
WHERE: FITZGERALD HALL

THE MENU:
CAJUN BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, BISCUITS & GRAVY, BACON & SAUSAGE, FRUIT, KING CAKES (of course), COFFEE & JUICE

*FREE WILL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

ST. CYRILS FAT SATURDAY FUNDRAISER
DINNER & DANCE.
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

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.

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.

- Bake Sale
A&R will hold its annual Sweetheart Bake Sale next weekend, Saturday, Feb 10th & Sunday, Feb 11th after all masses. This will be held in the North Vestibule area. We welcome donations of any & all baked goods, which can be dropped off prior to 5:00pm, 8:00am, & 11:00am, masses. Please bring them wrapped and marked what the item is but they do not need to be priced.

- 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. There are several ways to help support this fund raising event. 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 next General Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be Thursday, February 8th at 7:00pm, in the Ministry Center. 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.