

Saint Mary's Catholic Church



September 16th, 2018 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: pgs. 578-581

Ordinary of the Mass: pg. 850 *Kyrie Simplex Mass I* (5pm and 8am);
pg. 879 *Missa Orbis Factor* (11am)

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas: pg. 1000

Entrance Hymn: To Christ, the Prince of Peace #135

Entrance Antiphon (@5pm and 8am): *Give peace...(pg. 942 #134); Da pacem @ 11am*

Responsorial Psalm: *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

Creed: Credo III (only sung at 11am) pg. 899

Offertory Hymn: Take Up Your Cross #48

Communio: *Whoever wishes...; Qui vult @ 11*

Communion Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is #109

Marian Antiphon: Salve Regina #124

Recessional Hymn: Beautiful Savior #111

Saturday September 15th **Our Lady of Sorrows**

4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(Larry Martinez+)**
6:00pm - KofC & A&R Bingo Trivia Night (FH)

Sunday September 16th **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**
9:00am - PSR Classes (MC)
9:00am - Basic Catechism for adults (MC)
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass~ **(Jessica Maloney)**
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(Margarita Magalski)**

Monday September 17th **Saint Robert Bellarmine**

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - **(Military Chaplains)**
6:30pm - Scout Committee mtg. (FH)

Tuesday September 18th

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass- **(Clarence Thrall)**
5:30 pm - Vespers (C)
6:30 pm - Choir practice (C)
6:30pm - Scouts (FH) **Adoration After Noon Mass today**
6:30pm Oktoberfest mtg. (MC) **until 6:00pm**

Wednesday September 19th **Saint Januarius**

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass ~ **(Abigail Peek)**
10:00am - Scripture Study (MC)
1:00pm - A & R Guild mtg (MC) ***Adoration after noon Mass today**
6:30pm - Scripture Study (MC) **through Thursday evening at 6pm**

Thursday September 20th **Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang**

10:00am - Secular Franciscans (MC)
11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass - **(Holy Souls in Purgatory)**
5:30pm - Vespers (C)
8:00pm - Venture Scouts (FH)

Friday September 21st **Saint Matthew, Apostle**

11:30am - Confessions
12:00pm - Mass~Ex. Form- **(Grandchildren of Jim & Dixie Altman)**

Saturday September 22nd

4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(Karen Vlasin)**

Sunday September 23rd **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am - Confessions
8:00am - Mass - **(Bob Trusty)**
10:30am - Confessions
11:00am - Mass~ **(Rachel Mullendore)**
4:30pm - Confessions
5:00pm - Mass - **(St. Mary Parishioners)**

PARISH OFFICE

600 N.Liberty St. Independence, Mo.

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY & TUESDAY

8:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY 9:00AM - 11:00PM

THURSDAY- 9:00AM - 4:00PM

FRIDAY - CLOSED

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St. Mary's Outreach Agency:

Food, Clothing and Prescription

Medication Assistance

Hours of Operation:

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)**

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Sept. 15 & 16, 2018
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 - T Douglas

8:00am - M Pontalio

11:00am - E. Holder

Sept. 22 & 23, 2018
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,
Vincent Brice, Mary Brice, Roberta Vargas,
Gertrude Amato, Kathleen Gilbert, Tonya Huey,
Brodie Gorbet, Rick Turner, Michele Jordan,
Pat Sicola

**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 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)

Collection: 9/9/2018: 4,411
Year to date total: 171,365



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Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas
2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
[1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
[3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12
and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
[1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt
9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12,
13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

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.

Our Lady of Sorrows and the Pain and Power of Parenthood Sister Joanna Marie, L.M.

“Soon afterward He went to a city called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. As He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’ And He came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’ And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, ‘A great prophet has arisen among us!’ and ‘God has visited His people!’ And this report concerning Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.” Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-17, RSV Catholic Edition

What was it about this widow that made Jesus work a miracle for her? She didn’t ask him to do it. It doesn’t even seem that her cooperation was required in any way. Jesus simply saw her and “had compassion on her.” The woman isn’t even the direct recipient of the miracle—her son is. But Jesus looked at *her*—at her tears. He says “Do not weep” and then tells her son to “Arise.” What did He see in the mother’s tears that moved Him to work such a wonder?

Perhaps He saw all the tears of all the mothers and fathers of all times and places falling for their children. How many tears do we shed for our children! No love can compare to our love for them. From the moment you become “father” or “mother”, your heart is irrevocably changed. It expands beyond what you ever thought was possible. The love it can contain is simply astonishing! Picture to yourself the face of a young mother holding her newborn baby for the first time. In her eyes you see the overflow of her heart— *love* and *joy* of the deepest kind...

But with this expansion of heart, this increased capacity to love, comes something else; *an increased capacity to suffer and to be wounded*. When we love someone, their life in a sense becomes ours. Their joy is our joy; their suffering is our suffering. When a child is sick, does his mother rest peacefully while the little one suffers through the night? Everyone knows this is unthinkable. The mother feels her child’s every pain. If a child chooses to live in a way that leads to their destruction, either physically or spiritually, is his father indifferent? A true father weeps over the fall of his child—his heart is broken.

When Jesus looked at the widow of Nain, crying over her only son, He must have seen another Mother. A Virgin Mother unlike any other who too was a widow and had just One Son. But a Mother also who was like every mother and who has every son and every daughter ever born. A Mother whose life symbolized that great Mother the Church, Mother of us all. In the widow’s tears he saw Her tears.

When we look at images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we see they are very similar. On top of each Heart is a burning flame of charity—of their united love. Both Hearts are crowned—His with thorns, hers with roses. His Heart is topped with a Cross, hers is pierced with a sword. Both Hearts are suffering because both Hearts are loving.

We read in the Bible about the holy man Job who had seven sons and three daughters. His sons used to take turns throwing feasts for one another and for their sisters. We do not know if his children were sinning during these feasts, but it appears Job worried about his children and their standing before God as we read: *“And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, ‘It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.’ This Job did continually.” Job, Chapter 1, Verse 5, RSV Catholic Edition*. Job did what every parent, whether by blood or by spirit, is called to do. **We must pray and sacrifice for our children.**

The prayers of the parent are powerful before God! He is “moved with compassion” by them. It may take many years of prayer and sacrifice before the parent’s prayer appears to be answered. We can recall the great Saint Monica, the mother of Saint Augustine (both of whom are pictured on the fresco in our church). Augustine was a notorious sinner before his conversion which he attributed in large part to the prayers of his mother, Monica. Like the widow of Nain, like the Blessed Mother, and like Our Mother the Church, her tears moved God to compassion. He brought her son, who was spiritually dead, back to life.

Of all the prayer requests I receive as a Religious Sister, I think one of the most treasured and the most heartbreaking, is when a parent (or grandparent) asks me to pray for their children (or grandchildren) who do not practice the faith. When they ask me to pray, I understand more deeply how Jesus was moved by the tears of this widow. In their eyes I see the pain of Our Lady as she held her broken Son after He had been taken down from the Cross. Like Mary, these brave parents hold the broken souls of their children in the arms of their souls and weep. And when they ask me to, I am humbled and honored to weep and suffer with them through my prayers. We are all called to be parents—every man or woman should be a spiritual parent, taking other souls into their hearts and nourishing them through prayer. Parents are living examples to their children, for good or for ill. We must each be a living example of faith to the many souls who look to us for guidance.

But even as she weeps, we see in Mary’s eyes something astonishing. Behind the tears is something else, glowing softly like a candle through a curtained window. In her eyes gleams forth *hope*. When all seemed lost on Calvary hill, one flame of hope burned in one Immaculate Heart. The hope of Mother Church in the Heart of the Sorrowful Mother. On Easter Sunday, she did not go with the other women to the tomb. She knew there was no need. Her prayers—the powerful prayers of a Holy Parent—had been answered. Her Son was alive! Let us hope and pray for our children like she did. We trust that the Heavenly Father will hear our prayers. ***Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!***

St. Mary's Outreach Center News for August 2018

For the month of August, we assisted **192 families** with food for a total of **556 people** of which **163 were children and 38 were elderly**. **1,715 items** of clothing were given to **184 families**. We assisted **5 persons** with prescription assistance. **15 packages** of diapers and wipes were given. **2 fans** were given. Thanks to our volunteers who put in **422 hours** in support of our services.

Thank you to everyone who supports our St. Mary's Parish Outreach Center.

Altar & Rosary News

The Guild meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Sept 19th at 1:00pm**, in the Ministry Center. New members welcomed!

You're Invited...

September marks the beginning of activities for the Altar & Rosary Society and our first order of business is the annual membership drive. During the month of September, members will be at the entrances of the church handing out membership information and inviting all ladies of the parish to join the Altar & Rosary Society, the oldest organization of the parish.

Why join the Altar & Rosary Society? You'll be connected with a fantastic group of women of the parish who love the Lord, our Blessed Lady, and our parish and who work together to ensure the mission of the Society is carried out. Everyone is busy; it's just the nature of our existence these days. Joining will not tie you down to numerous activities week in and week out. You can choose your level of involvement, and work on a project or activity that is of interest to you. Everyone has a gift or talent to share.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Prayerfully consider the talent, skill or ability that God is calling you to share. We all have something to offer, and we welcome ALL registered ladies of the parish to join us.



SAINT MARY'S 3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2018

9:00AM - 8:00PM

**VENDORS - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT - FOOD - BEER
GARDEN, GAMES FOR THE KIDS
MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THIS FAMILY
FRIENDLY EVENT!**

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OKTOBERFEST,
PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING A FEW HOURS OF
YOUR TIME TO HELP MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER A
SUCCESS.**

***Check out the volunteer sign up sheets in the
South Vestibule***

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

The Life of Padre Pio: Matthew Arnold recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio. This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry."

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.

Mark the Date for our next Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

3:00 - 6:30p.m. in Fitzgerald Hall.

You can sign up online at:

**www.esavealifenow.org using the sponsor code
stmarycatholic.**

**The Blood drive is sponsored by the St. Mary
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