



St. Mary's Parish

JANUARY 21, 2024: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mass Times

MONDAY: 12 noon (OF)

TUESDAY: No Mass

WEDNESDAY: 12 noon (OF)

THURSDAY: 6:00 pm (EF)

FRIDAY: 12 noon (EF)

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm (OF)

SUNDAY:

8:00 am (OF)

11:00 am (OF)

5:00 pm (EF)

Confession Times

MONDAY: 11:30am

TUESDAY: No Confession

WEDNESDAY: 11:30am

THURSDAY: 5:00pm

FRIDAY: 11:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 7:15am & 4:00pm

Adoration Times

WEDNESDAY: 1pm - 9pm

THURSDAY: 7am - 6pm



Online Giving

NEW SERVICE WITH OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

St. Mary's recently switched services to add convenience and also reduce cost for the parish.



Online Giving
from Our Sunday Visitor

You can signup with the new service by going to our website and select the online giving option or by going to:
<https://www.osvhub.com/saintmarysparish/giving/funds/offertory>

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Un poco más adelante, vio a Santiago y a Juan, hijos de Zebedeo, que estaban en una barca, remendando sus redes. Los llamó, y ellos, dejando en la barca a su padre con los trabajadores, se fueron con Jesús. - Mc 1, 19-20

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Pat Stone)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Martin Pope)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)
Noon Soup and Chili Cook Off
5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(David McDonald)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass
(Engaged Couples)
6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23
St. Vincent
No Mass
4:00pm Youth Catechesis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales
11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass
(Dorothy Cheney)
9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Conversion of St. Paul

7:00am Adoration Begins
5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Isabella Olson)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus

11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass
(Dixie Altman)
6:00pm Vespers
6:00pm Men of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
St. Angela Merici

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Mary Hart)

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Gilberto Negrete)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Anthony Martinez)
5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

** There will be no weekday Masses, Monday 1/29 thru Saturday 2/3 while Fr. Ketterlin is away on silent retreat.*

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

January 14, 2024

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	670.00
PLATE:	\$	778.47
ONLINE:	\$	105.00
TOTAL	\$	1,553.47

ANNUAL

JANUARY ACTUAL:	\$	7,359.47
JANUARY BUDGET:	\$	19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL:	\$124,996.52
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET:	\$137,083.31

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	44	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,641.00
GOAL	112	GOAL	\$9,142.00

(FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30)

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners: Please fill out a parish registration form either on the parish website or by filling out a printed form near the church entrances.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 346-349

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God #96

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord...pg. 936, #112

Offertory Hymn: Be Still, My Soul #99

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world...

Communion Hymn: Lead, Kindly Light #106

Marian antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional: At the Name of Jesus #98

UNBOUND

LENT SERIES

This Lent, we will continue our variety of Catechesis series and formation in the spiritual life, discernment and spiritual warfare with the series *UnBound*.

Our world is both material and spiritual. So are the effects of sin on our ability to both see God's presence and follow Him. In this series we explore much more the spiritual attachments we acquire, how they effect us and how, revealed in Christ's ministry and Holy Name, we can be freed. To **register** email: unbound.kc@gmail.com or smoffice@saintmarysparish.org

UPDATE

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Giving for the Annual Catholic Appeal continues and is closing in on our annual budget. At our last update, the Diocese has raised \$1,804,452, which is 90% of the \$2 mil. Goal.

Thank you to all who have given, 44 families from St. Mary's. We have given \$7,641 of our \$9,142 goal. 44 of our families have contributed—which is beautiful. Let's shoot for 30 more contributions, just \$50 each and we are there!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Mary D'Angelo, Mary Lou Larsen, William Carlson, Mary and Bob Brice, Clarence Maine, Kathleen Holcro, David Barchak, Kevin and Alicia Connell, Mark Robertson, Eva Rohrbach, Colleen Grosvenor, Janet Howe, Emily Bagley, Janet Howe, Rita Williams, Martin Pope; Shelby Monaco; Mary Messina; Jane Whiting, Phyllis Miller; Julie & Brian Worden; Raymond & Lucy Castellano, Kenneth Gorham, Barbara Hazelrigg, Carleen Marble

OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

CPL Victor Rangel
U.S MARINE CORPS
CAMP PENDLETON, CA
Son of Phil & Julie Rangel

SFC.Christopher Kinnaman
WAINWRIGHT, AK
Grandson of Betty Kinnaman

IC3 Christina Smith
wife of Josiah Smith,
Grandson of Mary Smith

Airman Tommy Romano
ARIANO, ITALY
Nephew of Sr. Teresita

SSgt Christopher Wood
U.S. MARINE CORPS
CAMP PENDLETON, CA
Grandson of Jean Wilcox

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S

3rd Sunday Food and Fellowship
Bicentennial Commemorative Painting Unveiling
Men of St. Joseph
Ash Wednesday
Marian Conference
Unbound (Lenten Series)

Jan. 20/21st

Jan. 21st

Jan. 26th

Feb. 14th

Feb. 16-18th

Begins Feb. 26th



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. ORION RADFORD

HOME PARISH: ST. JOHN LALANDE

YEAR: PRE-THEOLOGY I

SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: JULY 15



ROSES FOR LIFE

The recent Supreme Court overturn of Roe vs. Wade ended the fight for the unborn, Right? WRONG. In Missouri alone, pro-abortion forces submitted 11 bills in 2023 to amend our State Constitution to enshrine a Right to Abortion. 11! They failed, but these forces have vowed to relentlessly make the right to abortion a major 2024 Election issue. Now, more than ever, is the time to make your voice heard in the Defense of Life! Your Knights of Columbus Council will be distributing Roses and asking you to sign Pro-Life petitions to our Missouri State Representatives at the end of all Masses the Weekends of January 13th and 20th. Please prayerfully consider donating to this noble effort. Let's send a clear message to our elected officials that we will not tolerate the murder of the unborn in Missouri!

YOUTH CATECHESIS AGES 10-12

St. Mary's 10-12-year-old Catechesis students focused on learning more about Mary and what her "yes" meant for our salvation. The students were shocked to learn more about her position in life when the Annunciation occurred. If a young, single mother with little resources and her reputation on the line can agree to follow God's will and be entrusted with raising the Son of God, it puts into perspective how little God asks of us. Following God's will was a major theme throughout Advent as we continued to learn more about the Holy Family and the virtues we should seek to become more like them. We are about to begin the 3rd Unit in our book which focuses on the significance of the Sacraments.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year end contribution statements are now available. If you need your 2023 contribution statement, please contact Tony Douglas by phone or text at 816-304-1951 or email at tony@saintmarysparish.org.

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

"JUST IN TIME FOR THE WINTER SEASON."

We have in stock a selection of new St. Mary's Bicentennial souvenirs.

*Sweatshirts in blue or white.

*Long sleeve tee shirts in blue or white.

*Beanies in grey, white or blue.

We also have a supply of coffee mugs, pub glasses, coasters, tee shirts, travel tumblers, water bottles and ornaments.

To help pass the time while the nights are so long, we have two new 1000 piece religious themed puzzles and the four classic puzzles from last year.

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD, CLOTHING & PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
(816) 252-8649

Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Food Items Needed: Instant potatoes, Box stuffing (dressing), canned fruit, chili seasoning packets, cake mixes and frosting and jello.

Clothing Items Needed: Winter clothing, blankets and coats for men, women and children. Women's bras and underwear are also needed.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH RECLAIMING VATICAN II

The Men of St. Joseph continue looking at the documents of Vatican II by looking at the first document promulgated by the Council, on Sacred Liturgy.

Accompanying the documents, we will be reading the book *Reclaiming Vatican II*. Copies of some printed materials are available for pickup in the bookstore, for those joining us this Friday.

Men of St. Joseph meet every 2nd and 4th Friday, immediately following 6:00pm Vespers.

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, Joe Crayon, 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org 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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

HELP NEEDED

It takes a church to run a church. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus calling the first Disciples as they are casting for fish and mending their nets. He has indeed called all of us into His church with our talents and skills to care for the building and community. St. Mary's is in need of help in a number of areas. This is also a great way to give of the needs of the Church, without anything out of pocket.

If you would be able to help, please let Fr. Kendall know, or contact the main office.

Mac Help: From getting the Home Kit camera to work properly to helping Fr. Kendall get his computer straight, we have a variety of small areas that need Apple computer support. If you are well adept, or adept enough to work with Apple Support on the phone.

Snow Removal and Plow Crew: Shawn did great with the snow removal these past weeks, but it showed that it is a lot for 1 person to take on. We could use a crew of 5-6 to be on call for snow removal—many hands make lighter and quicker work.

Trade Skills: Of particular need are those who are experienced with dry wall and door framing.

Archivist: There is a lot of history here, and we need people to take care of it and share it with the parish.

MARIAN CONFERENCE

FEB. 16, 17, AND 18

St. Mary's Parish will be hosting a Marian Conference Feb. 16th - 18th. During the conference we will have several speakers: Fr. Viviano, Fr. Andrew Kleine, Fr. Sean McCaffery, Dr. Gregory Mary, Mr. Dominic Rizzi, and several others over the course of the 3 days. There will also be a large showing of relics and author books available throughout the event.

Contact the parish office to register—no fee required.
816-252-0121 or smoffice@saintmarysparish.org

DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL

MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

As you all know, we are in a critical moment for the proposed donation of the School Property back to the parish. Fr. Ketterlin will be meeting with the Bishop's Finance Council on Monday.

Please add a special prayer, and act of fasting/abstinence on this day for the success of the mission of our Parish, the fulfillment of God's Will, and our vision to see it.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Left Behind

As Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee, he calls to Simon and his brother Andrew. They drop what they are doing and leave their father behind. A little further on, he sees the Sons of Thunder, James and his brother John. He calls them and they too drop what they are doing and follow him. Their father and the hired workmen are left behind.

This phrase *left behind*, became quite popular amongst protestant scholars in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Eventually, making its way to the title of a best-selling fictional series about the end of days, a very loose and poor interpretation of the Book of Revelation—the title itself, coming from a warning that Jesus gave in the Gospel of Matthew. The point is not to jump into a discussion on John's Revelation, but to recognize the tone and character that the phrase has taken on. Being left behind does not have a pleasant connotation.

Whether it is by Jesus as he is gathering the Disciples, or being left to endure hunger and pestilence, or even when mom went to the grocery store when we were a child, we don't want to be left behind. We want to be called.

But this is not a story only about those who are called. It is also about Simon's father, James' father and the hired hands. It is not a Kingdom that is reserved only for a few, or the twelve, but the Kingdom of God is at hand for all. Think for a moment, less about the Disciples in their response, and more about the ones who have been left behind.

What must have the hired men been thinking as James and John stopped mending the nets and left to follow this captivating man. They could have been angry at the extra work that was left for them (this is jealousy), or envious wishing that they too could have gone with Jesus. But who would have been left to mend the net? Who would have been left to take care of their father?

The Kingdom requires men to become fishers of men, but also to be fishers of fish; it needs men to mend the nets and to haul the boats into shore. The Kingdom also needs students who listen and learn, and what a blessing it is to be able to sit and listen, without having to get up and set the table or pour the drinks (just ask Mary and Martha). Have you ever had a moment when you have sat back and watched a son or daughter, or brother or sister, walk across a stage, give a performance, or simply laugh and skip around in joy? How much of a blessing was that for you, and how much for them to look and see you watching what they were doing.

Not all are called, many are left behind because they do not have to leave to find God, and others for the witness and testimony that they need to give. Think of the paralytic, whom Jesus healed and then sent on his way. Was he any less in the Kingdom? Or loved any less by God? But we follow him even in the fishing nets and the paralytic mat.