



St. Mary's Parish

JANUARY 28, 2024: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTUAGISIMA

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



BLESSING OF THE THROATS

ST. BLAISE

The blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise is one of the longer and more popular practices of our Church, going back to the 9th Century.



There will be the Blessing of the throats immediately following each of the Sunday Masses (includes the Saturday Vigil Mass)

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

Había en la sinagoga un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo, que se puso a gritar: "¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros? Ya sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios". Jesús le ordenó: "¡Cállate y sal de él!" - Mc 1, 23-25

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

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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

11:30am Confessions
Noon No Mass
6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
St. Vincent

No Mass
4:00pm Youth Catechesis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31
St. John Bosco

Noon No Mass
No Adoration

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
Conversion of St. Paul

No Adoration
6:00pm No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
The Presentation of the Lord

Noon No Mass
6:00pm Vespers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
St. Blaise

8:00am No Mass
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)
**Following Mass we will have the Blessing of the Throats*

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(+Fr. John Schuele)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(Fr. Ron Elliot)
5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Bishop James V. Johnston)

** 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 21, 2024

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	3,335.00
PLATE:	\$	1,346.00
ONLINE:	\$	554.00
TOTAL	\$	5,235.00

ANNUAL

JANUARY ACTUAL:	\$	12,594.47
JANUARY BUDGET:	\$	19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL:	\$	130,231.52
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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTUAGISIMA
Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 358-361

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign #95

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice...pg. 936, #113

Offertory Hymn: O Bless the Lord, My Soul #94

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh...pg. 952, #167

Communion Hymn: Father, We Thank Thee #131

Marian antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him #83

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

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.

HELP NEEDED MARIAN CONFERENCE

We need several volunteers to assist with registration during the Marian Conference on February 16th, 17 and 18th.

If you can help out please let Meletha (Missy) Perez know at email m.martinovich333@gmail.com
Thank you.

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

Men of St. Joseph
Rite of Election (at the Cathedral)
Ash Wednesday
First St. Ann's Fish Fry
Marian Conference
Unbound (Lenten Series)

Feb. 9th
Feb. 12th
Feb. 14th
Feb. 16th
Feb. 16-18th
Begins Feb. 26th



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS REV. MR. SAMUEL HORAN

HOME PARISH: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL
YEAR: THEOLOGY IV
SEMINARY: KENRICK-GLENNON
BIRTHDAY: MAY 30TH



KCSJ MONDAY MINUTE

Weekly News from The Chancery

THE CATHOLIC KEY

WEEKLY EVENTS FROM THE DIOCESE

Have you wondered when the Fish Fries are starting or when retreats, conferences and other prayer events are happening at parishes around our Diocese. The Monday Minute is the new source for events and news around our Diocese. This is the new source for the Catholic Key classifieds.

Sign up to receive the weekly emails by emailing:
Ashlie Hand at hand@diocesekcsj.org

YOUTH CATECHESIS

CONFIRMATION

Over Christmas, our Confirmation candidates dedicated time to work with The Ministry Center in packaging items to be distributed to the needy in our area.

Most recently, we have embarked on our journey through the Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Course, which is part of the Didache Sacramental Preparation Series. This workbook

was crafted with early teenage students in mind to assist them in prayer, discernment, and a deeper conversion of faith. Chapters include key references from Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, along with practical exercises, activities, study questions, and ideas for reflection and discussion.

Our candidates will be confirmed on March 14th at St. Mark's.

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

Clothing Items Needed: Winter clothing, blankets and coats for men, women and children.

Food Items Needed: cream of mushroom soup, canned fruit, small bottles of BBQ sauce, saltine crackers and jello.

Additional Item Needed: We need plastic ware packets for our homeless bags. The plastic ware packets like you get from to go orders from restaurants are appropriate. The forks, knives and spoons must be pre-packaged, we cannot use loose plastic ware from boxes.

BUDGET UPDATE

THANK YOU!!

With the end of the year, we passed the mid-way point of our fiscal year. Our budgeted contributions were **\$119,000** and our received contributions was **\$117,028**. This puts us within 2%. Thank you for your generous giving and work in supporting the parish.

In December we also received \$39,869.74 from the farm rental and \$20,959.46 in interest on our deposit accounts. These are already included in the budget, so are helping us keep the heat going.

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 STILL NEEDED

It takes a church to run a church. 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



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & the
Cristero Saints of Mexico

Fr. Ketterlin will be leading a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and places of the Cristero Martyrs. For more information, please pick up a flyer by the church entrance or visit: www.206tours.com/frketterlin



PASTOR'S CORNER

The Way of Perfection

The Beattitudes count for one of the most well known pericopes from the Gospels, as well as seemingly straight forward. Blessed are the meek, the merciful, the clean in heart and those who mourn. It is clear that Jesus is flipping our normal ideas of who is blessed, on its head. He paints for us a beautiful picture of God coming to those who are most in need. The most challenging part may be figuring out what Jesus means by the poor in spirit. At the same time, however, he is not simply telling the disciples that they should be thankful for their struggles and difficulties, providing a handful of examples, in a random order. As in all things, our Lord teaches deliberately and each word, even the order of things is meant to lead us into a deeper understanding of who he is and his plan for our salvation. Have you ever thought of the Beattitudes as a series of steps, one leading to the next? This is a road map to the way and life of perfection.

He begins with, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." This is the first step in the spiritual life. And in actuality, we begin this life poor in spirit. We are born separated from God and detached from the Holy Spirit. To be poor in spirit, just like material poverty, means that one is empty of the spiritual life. We are reminded that we are children in exile, those banished children of Eve, who need to return to God and the Garden of our original home. It is to these whom God sent forth His Son to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and even more so, it is to these whom the Kingdom comes. The first step in the Way to Perfection is to realize our poverty in spirit, and our need for the Holy Spirit.

Once we have seen our poverty, we naturally mourn. This is not a mourning for those who have died, but we mourn because we have been exiled and are not living in our true home. When we reach this state, we also mourn over the sins that we have committed and the harms that we have committed against both God and other people. To mourn, is a gift because it is a natural reaction to a real situation. But those who mourn will not be left in sadness and despair, they will be comforted.

Having mourned and then comforted, we naturally understand the pain and challenges that others go through. The soul is better able to become meek, that is, to raise the needs of others above its own. Anyone who has lost a parent or experienced significant grief, knows that having been through this grief and recovered, it is far easier to understand and help others who mourn. We become meek. Meekness, then leads to a hunger and thirst for righteousness, which in turn, leads one to becoming merciful. Mercy leads to purity of heart, that allows one to become a peacemaker, and finally, having become a peacemaker, one is prepared for and blessed to become persecuted for the sake of righteousness.