

St. Mary's Parish

FEBRUARY 11, 2024: 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | QUINQUAGISIMA SUNDAY

Mass Gimes

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 Gimes

MONDAY: 11:30am

TUESDAY: No Confession

WEDNESDAY: 11:30am

THURSDAY: 5:00pm

FRIDAY: 11:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 7:15am & 4:00pm

Adoration Gimes

WEDNESDAY: 1pm - 9pm THURSDAY: 7am - 6pm

WARIAN CONFERENCE



Friday 4:45pm-9:00pm

Begins with St. Ann's Fish Fry

Saturday 7:30am-4:25pm

Day begins with 7:00am Rosary and breakfast

Sunday Noon - 4:35pm

Day begins with Mass at 11:00am



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

Jesús le mandó con severidad: "No se lo cuentes a nadie; pero para que conste, ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo prescrito por Moisés". Pero aquel hombre comenzó a divulgar tanto el hecho, que Jesús no podía ya entrar abiertamente en la ciudad. - Mc 1, 44-45

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 St. Scholastica

11:00am Workday

@ St. Joseph the Worker 4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF) (+Bill Wurtz)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions **8:00**am Mass (OF) (+Patricia Sweetland) 11:00am Mass (OF)

(+Don Albers)

4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass (High Mass)

(Anne Franke)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 Monday of the 6th Week in OT

11:30am Confessions Noon Mass (+James L. Green) **6:30pm** Choir Practice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 Tuesday of the 6th Week in OT

No Mass

4:00pm Youth Catechesis

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass (Church Suffering)

Mass Noon (+Ralph Miller)

6:00pm Mass (High Mass) (U.S.A.)

9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00am Adoration Begins

(+Anthony and Rose Martinez)

MARIAN CONFERENCE 16TH-18TH

5:00pm Confessions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

St. Ann's Fish Fry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 Saturday After Ash Wednesday

4:45pm Registration Begins

5:45pm Conference Welcome

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Mass

7:00am Rosary

(+Patty Brady)

7:25am Coffee and Breakfast 8:05am Conference day begins **4:35pm** Conference day ends

5:00pm Mass (OF) (+Connie Black)

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1st Sunday of Lent

7:15am Confessions **8:00**am Mass (OF)

(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St.

Cyril's)

11:00am Mass (OF)

(+Sheila Fae Hubble Hicks)

Noon Lunch

1:00 pm Conference day begins **4:30pm** Conference day ends 5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)

(Anne Francke)

CONTRIBUTION INCOME February 4, 2024

WEEKLY ANNUAL **ENVELOPES:** \$ 3,153.00 FEBRUARY ACTUAL: \$ 4,973.00 \$ 19,583.33 PLATE: \$ 1,474.00 JANUARY BUDGET: ONLINE: \$ 346.00 4,973.00 TOTAL

> YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$138,518.12 YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$156,666.64

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES 44 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$7,641.00 \$9,142.00 GOAL GOAL (FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30)

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | QUINQUAGISIMA SUNDAY

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 381-383

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past #92 Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector...pg. 938, #117

Offertory Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence #84

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill...pg. 950, #159

Communion Hymn: The King of Love #109 Marian antiphon: Ave Regina Caelorum #45 Recessional: Invisible, God Only Wise #88

RESTORING PURITY

If you are struggling to be free from pornography, you are not alone. This is one of the greatest and widest spread challenges of our time and it carries many of the effects of other addictions. If you could use help in becoming free and seeing Christ restore your purity, please contact Fr. Ketterlin confidentially, by his personal phone 816-756-6570, or email frkendall@saintmarysparish.org



For an online resource, go to: www.reclaimsexualhealth.com

MARIAN ANTIPHON AVE REGINA CAELORUM

From the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which in long tradition marked the end of the Christmas Season, through Lent, we will sing Ave Regina Caelorum at the conclusion of Sunday Masses.

By long tradition, this is a Lenten antiphon sung to Mary, and fits the penitential character of the season.

The hymn can be found on page 45 of the Lumen Christi hymnal.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00 am Noon

6:00pm (High Mass) 7:30pm @ St. Cyril's

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY'S

Rite of Election (at the Cathedral) Ash Wednesday

First St. Ann's Fish Fry

Marian Conference

Stations of the Cross w/ Simple Supper (Fridays in Lent)

Unbound (Lenten Series)

Feb. 12th

Feb. 14th

Feb. 16th

Feb. 16-18th

Feb. 23

Begins Feb. 26th



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. DAN STUMP

HOME PARISH: St. THERESE NORTH

YEAR: THEOLOGY III

SEMINARY: MOUNT. ST. MARY'S OF THE WEST

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 26TH

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



BOOK SIGNING AND EVENT @ I'DONNELLY 33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH 1:30 - 4:00pm Friday, July 16th

I'Donnelly is hosting Fr. Ketterlin for a book event to promote and share 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph. The event and signing will begin at 1:30 and conclude with a brief presentation and Father leading the first day of prayers and act of consecration.

WELCOME LORIE SAGE

It is with great appreciation and joy that we welcome Lorie Sage to St. Mary's. Lorie has spent the last 6 years working as the Episcopal and Diocesan Liturgical and Events Coordinator (she has managed and coordinated the Bishop's liturgies and events). She will be coming in as a full-time Executive Secretary for the parish office.

Please call or stop by to welcome her. We will have some refreshments in the office this Thursday, 9:00-3:00pm.

STATIONS, FISH FRY & SIMPLE SUPPER

FRIDAYS AT 6:00PM

Fridays during Lent, beginning Feb. 23rd, we will praying the Stations of the Cross and provide a parish meal afterward, alternating between the St. Ann's Fish Fry and a Simple Supper.

St. Ann's Fish Fry

Feb. 16th, Mar. 1st and 15th

Simple Supper

Feb. 23, Mar. 8th and 22nd

*Please note, due to the Marian Conference, there will not be

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

PREPARING FOR LENT

A great time to set aside a few minutes each day of Lent to reflect on Scriptural passages, tied to words of wisdom from saints and religious leaders: **Lent and Easter Wisdom books** from St. Ignatius of Loyola, Pope Francis, St. Augustine and St. Francis.

Also available, a large selection of **Minute Meditation** books, Day by Day spiritual readings, quotations from the saints or practical reflections along with a daily prayer.

Family books include Day by Day Through Lent, Bring Life to Lent, Essential Lenten Handbook, Bring Lent to Life, Live Lent at Home and On the Passion of Christ.

Don't forget that we have a new bicentennial gifts, such as long sleeve tee's, sweat shirts, beenies, water bottles, travel mugs and more.

UNBOUND

FREEDOM IN CHRIST

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 more the spiritual attachments we acquire, how they effect us and how, revealed in Christ's ministry and Holy Name, we can be freed.

In another way. In Christ's goodness we find help in fighting the invisible, daily battles:

- Negative thoughts, secret sins, and unhealthy relationships
 - Destructive habits, idols, and false identities
- Resentments and bitter wounds that never seem to heal

To **register** email: <u>unbound.kc@gmail.com</u> or <u>smoffice@saintmarysparish.org</u>

There is a material fee of \$35; scholarships are available by contacting Fr. Kendall.

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.

CROSS CATHOLIC

FR. ALAN BOWER

Please welcome Father Alan Bower who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

St. Mary's Outreach Agency

Food, Clothing & Prescription Medication Assistance $(816)\ 252\text{-}8649$

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.

HELP NEEDED MARIAN CONFERENCE

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

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

— Thank you

YOUTH CATECHESIS 7-10 YEAR OLDS

The 7-10 year old catechism students are currently learning about the effects of Original Sin from the fall of Adam and Eve- the loss of their communion with God and Original Holiness, and the subsequent Great Flood. By applying their art skills, the students are bringing the story of Noah's ark and his covenant with God to life. They are learning about the consequences of sins and how practicing virtues, with the help of God's grace, renews communion with Him. Each week, they are presented with the life of a saint who gives us the example of how to live a virtuous life. And as Lent approaches, we are preparing to understand the meaning of the Lenten season, and in doing so, having some fun exploring the 2024 Liturgical Calendar wheel.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Mercy and Forgiveness

Hopefully, it does not seem like a strange thing to think of mercy and forgiveness together. We give thanks to God and recognize the generous act of Mercy that is forgiveness. We do not deserve it, there is nothing that we do to earn His forgiveness and it is entirely and act on His part. This is what mercy is: a freely and unwarranted act of grace given from one to another. However, in reading the story of the cleansing of the leper, it strikes me that often times we actually forget about the mercy part.

The man approaches Jesus and says quite simply: If you will it, I can be clean. He recognizes immediately that forgiveness, which in scripture is routinely depicted as being made clean, rests entirely in the hands of the Lord and what He desires. If God desires to forgive, then I will be forgiven. Of course, we know that our Lord and God desires forgiveness of sins over leaving one to remain in sin; He desires all to be clean. And so, he cleanses the leper and gives him two simple commands: to go and show himself to the priest, as the lay prescribes—his cleanness is proof itself—and he is charged not to tell anyone. This is the part when we are reminded of what real mercy is.

The leper disobeys. Immediately after being cleansed he violates a clear and easy command of the Lord. Notice now what our Lord did not do, what is missing from this exchange. The leper simply says, "If you will it . . ." and Christ immediately responds, "I do will it." He does not ask about the man's intentions nor require any proof of worthiness to be cleansed. Forgiveness with mercy is that simple

If we transfer this event into our own lives, how often or culture, can we imagine a defendant stepping up in court and saying: "Judge, if you desire it, I can be set free." The judge then says: "That is what I want. You are free." Rather, we would expect the defendant to offer some proof and evidence of why the judge should set him free. We may even think that a judge is most merciful if he had committed a heinous act, and yet after pleading and sincere promises by the defendant to reform his life and never commit the same act again, then the judge would let him free. But this is not mercy. How often have we required someone to earn forgiveness, or show proof that they are worthy?

The mercy that Christ reveals to us, and what is true mercy, is forgiveness freely given. The leper desired to be clean and knew the Lord could do so. This is repentance, the expression of contrition.

We are called and led to forgive with mercy; to forgive out of love for the other, not from a place of proof; to desire forgiveness, not punishment; to forgive not based on what will (or may) happen, but what is happening now.