



St. Mary's Parish

JULY 16, 2023: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL | 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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



—REGISTRATION—

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP AND
PARISH REGISTRATIONS TO THE COLLECTION
BASKET OR PARISH OFFICE**



If you have not completed a Stewardship form and Parish Registration, please pick one up located by any of the exits. In order to keep accurate and updated records we are asking everyone in the parish to complete a new Registration form.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

"En cambio, lo sembrado en tierra buena representa a quienes oyen la palabra, la entienden y dan fruto: unos, el ciento por uno; otros, el sesenta; y otros, el treinta". - Mt 13, 23

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

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 15

St. Bonaventure

8:30am FHSJ Day of Reflection

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+James Sage)

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Gene Stone)

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(John Muller)

MONDAY, JULY 17

Monday of the Fifteenth Week in OT

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(+Richard McAfee)

6:00pm Summer Catechesis Series
Ascending Mt. Carmel

6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, JULY 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in OT

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass (OF)
(+Fr. Ernie Gauthier)

9:00pm Adoration Concludes

THURSDAY, JULY 20

St. Apollinaris

7:00am Adoration Begins

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(+James Sage)

FRIDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass (Low Mass)
(Kathleen Halco)

6:00pm Vespers

6:00pm Men of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdelene

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Paul Magin)

6:00pm Potluck Dinner
(after Mass)

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(Intentions of Jim & Dixie Altman)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(Alice & Larry DeMoss)

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

July 9, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,826.00
PLATE: \$ 2,990.00
ONLINE: \$ 612.50
TOTAL \$ 6,428.50

ANNUAL

JULY ACTUAL: \$ 9,393.00
JULY BUDGET: \$ ***

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$ 9,393.00
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$ ***

*** THE BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR HAS NOT YET BEEN SET

(A NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN JULY 1)

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.

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Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: See Program

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I - pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: Immaculate Mary #157

Entrance Antiphon: How graceful is your carriage, O daughter of the Prince!

Offertory Antiphon: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east, shall be shut the six days...

Offertory Hymn: Flos carmeli (see program)

Soul of My Savior #112

Communion Antiphon: I brought you into the land of Carmel...

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

Marian antiphon: Salve Regina #124

Recessional: Sing of Mary #32



SERVICE - FAITH IN PRACTICE

Do you want to grow and strengthen your faith? Practice makes perfect! Just as our bodies weaken if we do not exercise, even so our Faith, if not practiced in the service of others, withers. The St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus have chosen the above theme of Service for this year. Our council is actively committed to strengthening our faith and deepening our relationship with Christ by serving the parish and all those in need. Do you want to be able to say with St. Paul, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the Faith?" Then inquire about joining the Knights or volunteer to help St. Mary's in the many activities that are planned this year by completing the Parish worksheet in the vestibule. St. James said, "So Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." Keep your Faith alive and growing, serve others!

**200TH ANNIVERSARY
MASS**

**W/ BISHOP JOHNSTON
AUGUST 15TH, FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION**

Tickets are now on sale for the Bicentennial celebration dinner. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children or \$150 for a table. Payments can be made by credit card, cash or check. Contact Rosemary in the office or email Bicentennial@saintmarysparish.org to reserve your tickets.

**MEN OF ST. JOSEPH
FRIDAY @ 6PM**

Following vespers, we will join in praying the Chaplet of St. Joseph and then all are invited for dinner.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Marie Ramirez, Michelle Rohaus, Lucas Uresti, Frank Velasquez, Peggy Vincent, Robert Connell, David McDonald, Mary D'Angelo, Liz Schlup, Mary Lou Larsen, William Carlson, Mary and Vincent 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, Maggie Cruz, Martin Pope; Eric Parvin, Shelby Monaco;

OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN:

LCPL. 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

Sgt. John Chase Brunick;

ARMY

SOPHIA, BULGARIA

Airman Tommy Romano

ARIANO, ITALY

Nephew of Sr. Teresita



**PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS
MR. BRAEDEN CONNELLY**

HOME PARISH: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

YEAR: COLLEGE II

SEMINARY: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

BIRTHDAY: SEPTEMBER 24

To add someone to the prayer list, please contact the parish office.

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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

RETURNING TO ST. MARY'S

As part of our catechesis for children and Sacramental preparation, this Fall, we will begin offering the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. Mary's. We are actively looking for additional catechists or people who may be interested in taking on the training in order to become one. Please help us spread the word and if you, or anyone you know are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact Fr Kendall (816-756-6570).

ASCENDING MT. CARMEL

SUMMER CATECHESIS SERIES

Week 3: *A Hobbit's Journey to Mt. Carmel*

The adventure of the Lord of the Rings begins as a young hobbit is pulled from a life of worldly contentment and comfort to join in the fight against good and evil. Along the way, he engages in interior struggles and temptations that leads him toward a final climb up the mountain. There is obviously more to the story, but at this basic level we can begin to see that Tolkien takes Frodo on the spiritual journey. This week we will look the connections with Carmelite Spirituality.

We meet at 6:00pm in Fitz Hall.

CATECHESIS AND CATHOLIC CULTURE

TAN DIRECTION

Our Lady of Akita Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa was forty-two years old when she joined a small group of devout women known as the Institute of the Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist who lived quiet, hidden lives of prayer in Yuzawadai on the outskirts of Akita. At the time, Sister Agnes, a convert from Buddhism, was totally deaf . . .

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ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

(816) 252-8649

Hours

Wednesday & Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

*Donations of food may be brought to the Ministry Center
Monday - Thursday by 12:00 noon

We are in need of a woman to work in the Clothing Room. This woman would assist clients in where to look for clothing items, like a "personal shopper." This would include tallying each person's items and straightening up the clothing on the bench and in the barrels. Please call the Outreach Center at 816-252-8649 between the hours of or 9:00 am to noon on Tuesday mornings or between the hours of 9 am to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Thursday.

A big Thank-You to St. Mary's and St. Mark's Knights of Columbus for their assistance with the Harvester's delivery this last Tuesday. Many hands made the unloading and stacking of a great order for this coming month made lighter work for all. Remember, this would be approximately 2 to 3 hours on the 4th Tuesday of each month to assist in unloading and stacking the monthly Harvesters Order. There is lifting of cases of food and some steps to get into the pantry. Some of these cases can be heavy. Please call the Outreach Center at 816-252-8649 between the hours of or 9:00 am to noon on Tuesday mornings.

FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND-JULY

Please join us for July's fellowship weekend, in Fitzgerald Hall.

Saturday, July 22nd, 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner-Please bring a dish to share.

Sunday, July 23rd, 8:00am & 11:00am-Donuts & coffee after both masses.

All are welcomed!

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.



ST. MARY'S IN INDEPENDENCE

A BRIEF HISTORY

The mission that laid the foundation for what would become the parish of St. Mary's began in 1823, marking St. Mary's as the first church to be established in Independence, Missouri and for what is now the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. It is rightfully known as "the Mother Church--Cradle of Catholicism" for this region of Missouri. As described in the historical accounts of the first priest serving the area, Rev. Charles de la Croix, this mission served both Native Americans and a few families that had begun settling in the newly formed town. The parish itself, was formally established by Fr. Bernard Donnelly in May of 1845 and the cornerstone of the church building laid in 1864, marking St. Mary's church as one of the rare churches built during the civil war. Since its completion in 1965, the steeple and gold-plated cross have looked over the arrival of many and growth of Independence.

BOY SCOUTS AT ST. MARY'S

The Boy Scouts have been a long and important part of the history of St. Mary's and for our nation. Most men of my generation and those prior, including myself, spent at least a time in the Boy Scouts. These are often treasured and valuable memories that helped us grow into manhood. Unfortunately, the organization itself has undergone some significant changes in recent years that have necessitated many Dioceses to evaluate the relationship between the organization and the Church. In recent months, our own Diocese has conducted a similar evaluation. Bishop Johnston has concluded that for the good of the faith and the members of the Scouts, the Scouts can continue their affiliation with parishes, however, they must be chartered by the parish. I have been in conversation with the Troop Leader for several weeks and we are in accord that they will not become a chartered member of the parish. As a result, they also will no longer be able to use any of the facilities, which includes storage of equipment. I have asked that they move their gear from storage by the end of this month. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Fr. Kendall.



PASTOR'S CORNER

THE PRIVILEGED FEW:

There is a good chance that if you read the title to this week's column, many of you are anticipating something negative to follow. The idea of the privileged few has roundly become used to describe injustice in the world and to refer to the wealthy or those who don't have to abide by the same laws as we do. But to be privileged is a gift. I always say that it is a privilege for me to celebrate the Mass of someone's funeral, to be with someone at that monumental moment of their life and to be the one standing at the head all of their friends and loved ones as we present him to our heavenly Father. A privilege is a grace and blessing that is bestowed upon us. But like so many other words of blessing and virtue, the world has sought to turn something good into something bad. If I were to walk into a crowd and shout: Thank God that I am privileged! We all know what the likely reactions would be from people around me.

This Sunday, July 16th is the annual memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, whose brown scapular many Catholics wear, and what was made more well known when it slipped out from underneath Harrison Butker's jersey as he was kicking the Super Bowl winning field goal. In bestowing her scapular upon St. Simon Stock and all of the Carmelites, our Blessed Mother said:

"This shall be the privilege for you and for all the Carmelites,

that anyone dying in this habit shall be saved."

The "this" she is referring to is the Scapular itself. It is a privilege to wear the clothing that marks us as belonging to and now under the protection of the Mother of God. It is not a right. Many of you are also likely hearing some variant of echoing words of your own father or mother, after having taken something for granted. A privilege is a gift from our heavenly Father and something that warrants due appreciation and love.

In their beginning, as pilgrims to the holy land and some fighters in the crusades, gathered around the spring of Elijah on Mt. Carmel, they sought a life of quietness and devotion to our Lord and began calling themselves the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel. They sought to draw closer in union to our Lord, through her. They, like Elijah, saw her in the coming cloud that promised rain and an end to the drought. And so, to St. Simon Stock Our Lady of Mt. Carmel came and offered her scapular, a garment that represented both the Order's love and devotion to her, and her promises of protection and faithfulness to them. Throughout the centuries, many of the laity also wanted to share in the same devotion and promises to her, and so the Order began sharing this privilege through the donning of the small scapular.