



St. Mary's Parish

JULY 30, 2023: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9TH 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



—VESPERS—

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church, offering hymns, psalms, adoration and intercessions throughout the hours of each day.
All are invited.



Join us every Friday at 6:00pm for the praying of Vespers (Evening Prayer).

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

"El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder y, lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo". - Mt 13, 44

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

PARISH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:00am St. Joseph Work Day

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Alice Crews and Lisa Carson)

SUNDAY, JULY 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(+James Sage)

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Charles & Jerome Drexler)

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(+William Ketterlin)

MONDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(Kathleen Halcro)

6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Ligouri

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(+Richard McAfee)

9:00pm Adoration Concludes

Thursday, August 3

Thursday of Seventeenth Week in OT

7:00am Adoration Begins

5:00pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass
(+Fr. Ernie Gauthier)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney

11:30am Confessions

Noon Mass
(Kathleen Halcro)

6:00pm Vespers

6:00pm Men of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00am Mass
(Illa and Alana McDonald)

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Jennifer and John Buckley)

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(David & Eunie Barchak)

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

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Sr. Henry)

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

July 23, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES: \$ 1,805.00
PLATE: \$ 1,100.22
ONLINE: \$ 527.50
TOTAL \$ 3,432.72

ANNUAL

JULY ACTUAL: \$17,232.72
JULY BUDGET: \$19,583.33
YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$17,232.72
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$19,583.33

(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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 500-502

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I - pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: The Church's One Foundation #120

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house. (pg 940 #127)

Offertory Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy #122

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Communion Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine #76

Marian antiphon: Salve Regina #124

Recessional: My Happy Home #102

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

WELCOME...

...and congratulations to the Hollo twins, Peter and Jane.

Our community rejoices with you, for today the number of those baptized in Christ is increased.

SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, August 6th, 12:30. Following the 11am Mass, we will have a server training, primarily in preparation for Mass with our Bishop.

CONFIRMATION AND CATECHESIS

Catechesis for children and Confirmation preparation will begin in September.

This year we will be offering catechesis in 4 age groups: pre-k thru 1st; 2nd-4th; 5th-6th; Confirmation. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.

CATHOLIC KEY

Be sure to check out our article in this month's Catholic Key, appearing on page 33. There is an extended article on the history of St. Mary's in their online copy.

St. Mary Parish marks two centuries of devotion and mission

**A 12-MONTH CELEBRATION
KICKS OFF AUG. 15, 2023**

PARISH CATECHESIS

PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

On Mondays in August, we will be gathering for a showing of the *Presence* series from FORMED. This 4 part series dives into the Mystery of Christ present in the Holy Eucharist, and includes a special presentation for children. Please join us in Fitz Hall, at 6:00pm beginning on Mon. August 1.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

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; Shelby Monaco; Mary Messina; Sr. Henry

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

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

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PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. BRETT ZAGAR

HOME PARISH: ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

YEAR: COLLEGE II

SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 19

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Feast of the Assumption

Mass and Dinner with Bishop Johnston

Join us for this very special event and Mass to open a year long celebration of 200 years of St. Mary's in Independence — the first church in Independence and our Diocese.

Mass begins at 6:00pm.

Reserve your place for the Dinner and Talk from Bishop Johnston that will follow. Individual tickets are \$25, or you can purchase a table (and bring your friends and family) for \$150.

Night at the Museum

In September we will be celebrating the archival history of St. Mary's, with a display of artifacts and photos that tell the story of the past 200 years. We are in need of help in setting up the displays. If you can help us please contact Fr. Kendall or email at Bicentennial@saintmarysparish.org.

Enthronement of Mary

Has your home been dedicated and Mary enthroned as protector and prioress? Throughout October, a month dedicated to the Rosary, Fr. Ketterlin will be conducting enthronements. Please contact him now, as he begins making the schedule of visits: pastor@saintmarysparish.org.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

St Mary's has six parishioners taking weekly communion to residents of Senior Care Facilities and homebound parishioners. This includes 16 residents at the Groves, 6 at Carmel Hills, 4 at Independence Manor, 3 at Blue Hills and 3 homebound persons. If you have a loved one who is homebound or in a care facility who would like communion please contact John McEvoy, 816-582-4835.

Distributing communion to those in need is extremely rewarding. We are in need of additional parishioners to join our communion ministry group. If you are interested please contact Fr. Ketterlin John McEvoy at 816-582-4835.

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 Thursdays.

MUSIC NOTE

Did you know that the congregation is meant to sing the entrance and the communion antiphons? Think of them as though they were another Responsorial Psalm. You can find all the texts for the antiphons within the weekly readings in the red missals, in the order that they appear in the Mass. These sung prayers of the Church infuse the Mass with more Holy Scripture, and help us to pray. I encourage you to join in the singing! The verses, sung by me or the choir at 11, are taken from the psalms, and are always wonderful for meditation.

The music for antiphonal refrains are found in the back of the missals. This week the entrance antiphon is on page 940 in the red missal and finding number 127. I always put these numbers in the bulletin with the other music! If you want to follow along with the words, they are in the weekly readings in the missal. If you ever have musical questions, please let me know!

—Angelina Gearke, Music Director

PARISH REGISTRATION

ALL Parishioners are asked to complete a new parish registration this year. Please return completed forms with the weekly collection or to the parish office.

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.

BUILDING FUND AND PROJECTS

Thank you to everyone who has recently contributed to the Building Fund. This fund is used to help with the necessary repairs, such as resolving the icing situation in the parking lot and repairing the front steps.

Recently Received **\$ 2,330.00**

Current Balance **\$13,059.00**

Goal **\$40,000.00**

Main Entrance & Stair Repairs - We have recently met with contractors to provide bids on repairs to the concrete near the main entrance and the stairs that have deteriorated - these are major trip hazards - as well as resolving the drain issue that creates major ice buildup in the winter. Total project cost is likely to run \$30,000-\$40,000.

Baker Architects - In consultation with our Renovation Council and Finance Council, we have contacted Baker Architects to create detailed Schematic Design options to bring the church renovation to completion. We will be working closely together, along with the councils, over these next few months to produce at least 3 options, that we will be able to discuss as a parish. Our hope will be to then bring the renovations that have been started to fulfillment in the next 1-2 years.

Sound System Upgrade - This past March, we had several sound absorbing panels installed as the first phase of improving the sound in the church. I think we were all surprised by just how much these helped. Now, we are ready to begin the second phase, the arrangement and installation of audio equipment. This phase is at a cost of about \$30,000 and will begin in the next weeks.

Fitz Hall Kitchenette - The cabinetry has been installed and countertops are on the way. The kitchenette should be ready for service before our August 15th celebration.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Two Bible study classes will be offered this fall. They are both video Bible studies from the St. Paul Center's Journey Through Scripture series. The first study is Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible. The second study is Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Classes will be offered in the Ministry Center on Wednesdays, beginning September 6th, in the evening at 6:30pm. You need to purchase \$25 study guides each class. Please contact Tony Douglas at 816-304-1951 or email tonykrisd@aol.com if you would like to come to this Bible study, or sign up by Aug. 20th on the sign up sheets at the entries to the church.



PASTOR'S CORNER

OPEN YOUR EYES:

There was a popular song from the 80s that began:

I have climbed highest mountains

I have run through the fields

Only to be with you

To which the refrain repeats very simply:

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.

While most musical children of the 80s can recite, or will at least recognize these opening lines, most, (including myself, would not so easily recognize some of the later lyrics:

I believe in the Kingdom Come . . .

You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains

Carried the cross of my shame

Of my shame

You know I believe it.

While not the most theological of poets, Bono, very often wore his faith in his music and lyrics and he recognized the most important thing: There is only one thing in this life that is worth looking for. It may be better said rather, there is only one thing that is worthy of giving our life to. This is the Kingdom of Heaven.

The parables of this week's Gospel continue to unveil the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. It is like a treasure that a man found, who reburied it and bought the entire field. It is like the pearl of great price that exceeds all other pearls; and it is like a net cast in the sea that catches all kind of fish (perhaps we may hear echoes of another time in the Gospel when a net was cast into the sea and caught such a haul that it was breaking).

It seems obvious that Jesus is telling us that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth selling and giving away everything to obtain. It is the only thing that is truly worth attaining and when you find it, do not hesitate, but do everything that you can to hold onto it. But like any Mystery, there is something more, otherwise, it would not be a very interesting parable. While the Kingdom of Heaven is the pearl of great price and a secret treasure found in field and it does come at great cost and sacrifice of things that are far less valuable, it is also like a net which is cast out.

Let he who has ears hear and who has eyes see. The Kingdom is not hard to find, nor is it pursued.

If I believe in the Kingdom Come, then why would I believe that I have to chase after it, or even search for it. Rather, the Kingdom comes like a net that catches and captures. God is the one who is pursuing me. He sent His Son to us, and to come find us. Our fault is not that we are looking (for love) in all the wrong places, but that we are failing to allow Him to catch us; to see how He is searching for us and that He is the one who found the great treasure and gave all that He possessed in order to buy the field. To find the Kingdom, all one needs to do is *Open your eyes.*