



St. Mary's Parish

OCTOBER 1, 2023: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | EIGHTEENTH 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



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

With the recent donation of the old school buildings, we will be having a few Town Hall meetings to spur conversation about parish needs and how we will put the property to use. This time will be used for me to listen to you as we begin planning for this exciting development for St. Mary's. Town Halls are scheduled for:

Fri. 9/29 following 6pm Vespers

Mon. 10/16 @ 6:00pm

Sun. 10/22 following 11am Mass

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

"Vino a ustedes Juan, predicó el camino de la justicia y no le creyeron; en cambio, los publicanos y las prostitutas, sí le creyeron; ustedes, ni siquiera después de haber visto, se han arrepentido ni han creído en él". - Mt 21, 32

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome

4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Angela Scott)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. Cyril's)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(Abby Peek)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(Isabelle Avila)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2
The Holy Guardian Angels

Noon No Mass
6:30pm Choir Practice

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
Tuesday of the 26th Week in OT

No Mass
4:00pm Youth Catechesis

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
St. Francis of Assisi

11:30am No Confessions
Noon No Mass
No Adoration
6:30pm Bible Study

Thursday, October 5
St. Faustina Kowalska

5:00pm No Confessions
6:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(Mary Ann Roberts)
7:00pm Movie Night
Love and Mercy: Faustina

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

11:30am Confessions
Noon Mass (Low Mass)
(+Denis Hare)
6:00pm Vespers
Men of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am Mass
(Jose Pablo Fierro)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Robert & Elaine Spence)

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15am Confessions
8:00am Mass (OF)
(+Edward Johnson)
11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Alice Crews & Lisa Carson)
4:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(+Sr. Henrie Marie)

**There will be no Masses Monday thru Wednesday of this week, while the priests of our Diocese are gathered for their annual convocation.*

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

September 24, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$ 1,776.00
PLATE:	\$ 1,925.33
ONLINE:	\$ 272.50
TOTAL	\$ 3,973.83

ANNUAL

SEPTEMBER ACTUAL:	\$19,044.33
SEPTEMBER BUDGET:	\$19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL:	\$56,550.86
YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET:	\$58,749.99

(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.

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Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 599-601

Mass Setting: Missa Simplex I - pg. 850

Entrance Hymn: At the Name of Jesus #98

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord... (pg. 943 #136)

Offertory Hymn: Take Up Your Cross #48

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see... (pg. 955 #179)

Communion Hymn: Panis Angelicus #116

Marian antiphon: Flos Carmeli

Recessional: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #80

FUTURE PRIESTS

DAY OF GIVING

Will you join Conception Abbey and Seminary College in support of our mission to form Men of God for the future of the Church?

Please mark your calendar for the
2023 Partnering for Future Priests DAY OF GIVING, October 20.

This one-day online fundraising challenge will rally friends like you around the opportunity to support your priests of tomorrow. The day will include opportunities to connect with the monks and seminarians, as well as ways to get to know and support the work at Conception. You can give online at www.conception.edu/pfp, over the phone, or through the mail, and time between now and the Partnering for Future Priests Day of Giving, October 20. If you have questions, contact Kim Stiens at 660-944-2881 or events@conception.edu.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The General Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be held on Thursday, October 12th, 6:30pm, in the Ministry Center. New members welcomed!

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP

Be sure to stop by St. Mary's Gift Shop after all Masses every weekend. We still have a selection of Bicentennial items.

We have new arrivals coming soon!

RESTORING PURITY

Beginning in October, Fr. Ketterlin will be leading individuals and a small group in breaking away from long struggles with pornography. We will be using RECLAIM, resources from a Catholic organization that can be used privately and anonymously.

He will also be using the book *Treating Pornography Addiction*. Know that you are not alone in this and that your purity can be restored and reclaimed.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Robert Connell, David McDonald, Mary D'Angelo, 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, Martin Pope; Shelby Monaco; Mary Messina; Jane Whiting, Jean Wilcox; Phyllis Miller; Julie Worden;

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. DAN STUMP

HOME PARISH: ST. THERESE PARISH, NORTH

YEAR: THEOLOGY III

SEMINARY: MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: APRIL 26





ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY
FOOD, CLOTHING & PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
(816) 252-8649

Hours

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

MARY & JOSEPH COSTUME CONTEST

START GETTING YOUR COSTUMES READY.

Our All Saints potluck and costume contest will be on October 29, following the 11am Mass. In our honor of our bicentennial and gratitude to Mary, children are encouraged to dress up like a favorite image of Mary or St. Joseph.

Prizes will be awarded for best Mary, best Joseph and favorite overall costume.

BICENTENNIAL VIDEO

PARISHIONERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED:

We are in the process of putting together a short video on the history of the church. We need volunteers who aren't afraid of being in front of a camera to re-enact some of the Sacraments. We are hoping to film these on Saturday, September 30th or October 7th.

We are seeking:

4 to 5 kids who have made their First Communion in the last 2 to 3 years and can still fit into their First Communion garments for our First Communion segment.

A mix of ages, young and old, or perhaps a family for our Reconciliation segment.

Older adults for our Anointing of the Sick segment.

If interested, please contact Toni Farina at 310-740-5892.

PARISH BUILDING FUND

The Parish Building Fund provides for repairs and unplanned maintenance of our buildings. It now stands at **\$12,355.31**. Repairs to the front stairs and landing area are estimated at over **\$45,000**. Please contribute to this fund as you are able.

Food Items Needed: Large paper grocery bags, canned fruit, saltine crackers, ramen noodle packets, chunky soups of any kind, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and jello.

Clothing Items Needed: Blankets; Men's, Women's and Children's coats; hats and socks; ladies bras, men's underwear and other winter clothing.

Praise Be to God. We now have a lady for the Wednesday morning clothing room.

Thank you for your continued support!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"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. Our Lord promised us a place in the Kingdom of Heaven if we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and imprisoned (Matt 25: 34-36). The St. Mary's Parish Knights of Columbus have chosen the above theme of Service for this year. 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"? Your Knight's Council is hoping you will say yes by joining us and helping us serve others. We are holding our Annual Membership drive at all the weekend masses October 14th and 15th and will have Knights stationed at the back of the church to answer your questions and provide membership materials. Put your Faith into Practice, Join the Knights!



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.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Memorial of St. Faustina is this Thursday. In honor of one of the most influential Saints of our time, the Knights of Columbus a family movie night showing *Love and Mercy: Faustina*, immediately following Mass.

Come learn more about this fascinating and holy Saint who heard Jesus say, “Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.” Popcorn and drinks will be served.

TOWEL OF VERONICA

The Towel of Veronica is an Apostolate of our Diocese that was formed to pray and support priests in the death of a loved one. Inspired by the merciful act of Veronica, who comforted our Lord in his time of suffering, the members of the apostolate offer the same gift to our priests. If you are interested in joining the apostolate, please contact Lorie Sage at sage@diocesekcsj.org.

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The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Choice to Love

Choice is about the present moment. We hear a lot about choice in our culture today. It is one of the hottest political buzz words in the right to choose and freedom of choice; several movies promote the idea that you are defined by the choices you make, either over the course of your life or in the most intense and pivotal moments. Even if we don't actively think about it in these ways, we give a lot of weight to the choices and decisions that we make.

Think, for a moment, about a bad choice you have made, either recently or further back in the past. Maybe it was a choice about taking a job, whether or not to continue a dating relationship, or to do something that you later, and maybe even still regret. Maybe you chose to do something that caused serious pain and hurt to someone else. And chances are, if you are thinking of a *choice* you made, it was something deliberate and intentional, even if not well thought out. The chances are also pretty high that it is the intentionality that carries the significant weight and burden of whatever the choice is that you made.

We will say things like: *I chose to do it* or *It was his choice*, to justify holding ourselves or others accountable. The idea of choice, when we look to the past, often leads us to unforgiveness and keeps us bound to the past.

On the other side of things, it also keeps our attention focused on the future. I have widely heard the expression: *Your choices today define who you become tomorrow*, or other similar phrases that lock a person into their choices. Even something as common and seemingly true as: *My word is my bond*, imparts a weight of permanence on our choices. But what if we make a bad choice, or even if we intend to keep our promises, made a promise based on bad information, or situations changed that we could not have foreseen? This is why our Lord cautions us against making promises and vows.

Choice is not about the past, holding us accountable to what was done, or about the future, locking us into a course of action or making us weary, anxious and fearful of its consequences. Rather, our Lord shows us that choice lives in the present and this is the only choice that is meaningful. What are you choosing now?

Regardless of the past, do you choose to act in love in this moment? If you failed before, even if it was 10 minutes ago or 10 years ago, how do you choose to act in this moment. He came to announce a freedom of choice. This is not the political freedom to do whatever we want without consequences and be free from the guilt of sin or committing harm to others. It is rather, that His Mercy and power is stronger than any choice you have made or will make. This is why He also tells us to not be afraid of the choices we will make tomorrow, or we could say, do not presume upon the choices you will make tomorrow; do not presume that I can sin today and go to confession tomorrow. The choice that He desires and cares about is this: Do I love God now and will I follow Him now? If we always answer yes to this, then we have no fear, worry or concern.