



St. Mary's Parish

DECEMBER 31, 2023: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH | SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

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

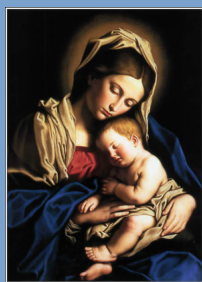
WEDNESDAY: 1pm - 9pm

THURSDAY: 7am - 6pm



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Normally a Holy Day of Obligation, the U.S. Bishops have dispensed the faithful from the formal obligation this year, as it falls on a Monday.



MASSSES FOR JAN. 1ST

8:00am

9:30am (@ St. Cyril's)

Noon

THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría
y la gracia de Dios estaba con él. - Lc 2,40

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30
*Sixth Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord*

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(Parishioners of St. Mary's and St.
Cyril's)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:15am Confessions

8:00am Mass (OF)
(Abby Peek)

10:30am Lauds/Morning Prayer

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Jerilyn Wilcox)

5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(David & Eunie Barchak Family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:00am Mass
(The Church Militant)

Noon Mass
(The Church Suffering)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
*Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory
Nazianzen*

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

No Mass or Adoration

There will be no weekday Masses or Adoration Jan. 2nd thru Jan.
6th while Fr. Ketterlin is away.

The main church doors will continue to be open 8am-5pm, Mon.
Thru Fri. for those desiring to come in and pray.

Thursday, January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
No Mass or Adoration

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
St. John Neumann

No Mass
6:00pm Vespers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
St. Andre Bessette

8:00am No Mass

4:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (OF)
(+Bob Shrewsbury)

7:00pm Mass (High Mass)
(+Francis Ketterlin)

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
The Epiphany of the Lord

7:15am Confessions

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

10:30am Lauds/Morning Prayer

11:00am Mass (OF)
(+Linda Williams)

5:00pm Mass (Low Mass)
(+Bill Johnson)

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CONTRIBUTION INCOME

December 17, 2023

WEEKLY

ENVELOPES:	\$	1,690.00
PLATE:	\$	1,534.00
ONLINE:	\$	302.50
TOTAL	\$	3,526.50

ANNUAL

DECEMBER ACTUAL:	\$	14,500.50
DECEMBER BUDGET:	\$	19,583.33

YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL: \$108,003.05

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET: \$117,499.98

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

FAMILIES	42	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$7,341.00
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.*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH | SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Readings, text of the antiphons, and Responsorial Psalm: pgs. 60-63

Mass Setting: Missa de Angelis pg. 873

Entrance Hymn: Sing of Mary #32

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste... (pg. 912 #27)

Offertory Hymn: Once is Royal David's City #31

Communion Antiphon: Our God has appeared on the earth... (pg. 912 #29)

Communion Hymn: What Child is This? #30

Marian antiphon: Alma Redemptoris Mater #5

Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #93

LESSONS AND CAROLS

SILENT AUCTION

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Lessons & Carols service and Silent Auction. Especially to Angelina and the Choir, the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus for their work in making it a beautiful evening. Also to everyone who came and prayed with us, then celebrated with community for the reception afterward.

This was also our most successful fundraiser for the parish this year, **raising \$3,987.**

MyPARISH APP

SEEKING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE INVISIBLE

This year's Advent series on discernment: *Seeking the Footsteps of the Invisible* is available to view through the "Fount of Elijah" option in the MyParish App.

Through the App, you can keep up with parish news, events and any winter weather announcements. Once you download the App, just look for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Independence.

You can also view other past conferences and parish events.

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, 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, Colleen Grosvenor, Carlene Marble, Patty Vasquez

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

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

This is a time of year where there are many differences between the Traditional and the Current Calendar of the Church. Of important note is that January 1, Mary, Mother of God, is not a day of obligation this year, as it falls on a Monday.

Holy Family	Dec. 31	<i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Mary, Mother of God	Jan. 1	8am & Noon
Epiphany (traditional Calendar)	Jan. 6	7pm (High Mass)
Epiphany	Jan. 7	<i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>
Baptism of the Lord	Jan. 8	8am & Noon
Ordinary Time begins	Jan. 9	



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS MR. MARK ROPER

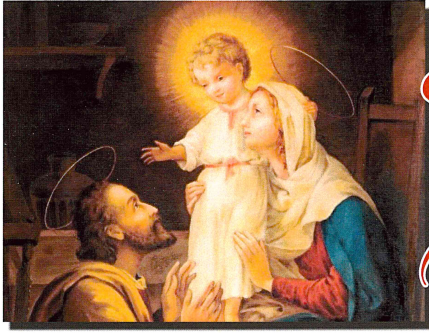
HOME PARISH: ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

YEAR: COLLEGE II

SEMINARY: CONCEPTION SEMINARY

BIRTHDAY: JULY 2

Eucharistic Marian Conference



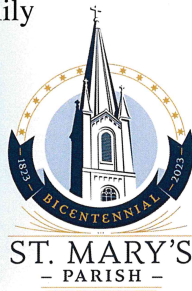
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the
Date

February 16, 17, 18, 2024

*My Soul magnifies the Lord, and my
Spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.*

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
600 N LIBERTY ST.
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Rev. Kendall Ketterlin

As St. John Paul II said, "The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families. The history of mankind, the history of Salvation, passes by the way of the family." "To show how the family is placed at the center of the great struggle between good and evil, between life and death, between love and all that is opposed to love."



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



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

ST. MARY'S OUTREACH AGENCY

FOOD, CLOTHING & MEDICATION ASSISTANCE
(816) 252-8649

Hours

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

Food Items Needed: Chili seasoning, fruit, saltines

Clothing Items Needed: Winter clothing, blankets and coats for men, women and children. Women's bras and underwear are also needed.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS STILL NEEDED

FEATURED CD OF THE MONTH

The Conversion of a Popstar: Brad Fischetti, star from the popular music group, LFO, shares his incredible story of conversion and faith. During the height of his band's success, Brad remained faithful to the Lord, but still encountered some doubts, trials, and hardships along the way. Join Brad Fischetti as he takes us along through his journey of faith and encourages us to remain close to the Lord no matter what life may throw at us.

Please visit our CD kiosk at the front of the church. We have many great topics on CD about the Catholic faith. We ask for a nominal donation of \$3 for each CD.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & HONORARIUM

*Mrs. Karen Schooling in memory of Ryan Schooling,
Loretta Kelly, Tristan Kelly

*Mrs. Catherine Anderson in memory of Cata & Lucy
Villagran, Patricia Calderon, Frank Martinez

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Ronald Claibourn

Sonja Panuco

Stephen Barchak

Julie Briggs

Mr. & Mrs. George Durst

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.



KNIGHTS INDUCTION CEREMONY

PUTTING YOUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE

Ever considered becoming a Knight of Columbus? Now is your chance! Your St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council will be holding an induction ceremony called an Exemplification on Sunday, **January 14, 2024** directly after the 11:00am Mass. The Knights will hold a luncheon for new members and their families after the ceremony. You may be thinking, "What do I need to do to prepare?" Nothing, just show up with a desire to join the knighthood and be a practicing Catholic. Throughout the course of the year, your Council will conduct drives to help the disabled, provide coats for disadvantaged children, advocate for life, support single mothers, and many other charitable causes. Please consider putting your Faith into Practice by joining the Knights!



REV. BENJAMIN JOHN FENLON

CONGRATULATIONS!

Give prayers of Thanksgiving to our Lord. Fr. Fenlon was ordained to the Priesthood of Christ for our Diocese on December 20th. Originally from London, he spent several years in Ecuador before coming to Kansas City.

Please also offer a Novena (9 days of prayer) for the abundance of God's Graces for Fr. Fenlon's ministry. He has been assigned to the Cathedral of St. Joseph and St. Mary's in St. Joseph.



Courage is an international apostolate of the Catholic Church that assists men and women who experience same sex attraction or gender dysphoria in finding their identity in Christ and a strong life of faith in the Church.

Encourage is a companion apostolate that supports family members of those who experience same sex attraction or gender dysphoria. Assisting and supporting one another in living a life of faith and witnessing to Christ's love.

To find a local chapter visit: www.couragerc.org



PASTOR'S CORNER

A Living Church

We would not expect an apple, while still on the tree to become a kumquat, or a goat to become a lion. Yet none would argue against these things being alive and living. To be living does not mean that one changes into something else, but quite the contrary, it becomes what it already is. The apple, being born from a budding flower, so long as it remains alive it will grow into an apple, bearing its own seeds that, being alive, become trees that produce apples. Along the way it may face disease insects and other creatures, things that threaten its life. All living things face these threats. This is not part of being alive, but is part of living in a fallen world, a world that has sin and has introduced death into the world.

To be living means that one grows into its fullness. So long that is alive, the apple and its seeds become fruit bearing trees.

The Church is a Living Church. While it grows toward becoming its fullness, it does not change into something else. In this world, it also faces the threat of disease and things that would destroy it.

The recent document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Fiducia Supplicans*, is a sign of this Living Church, that is at the same time, not healthy. First and foremost, it does not represent a change in the teaching or theology of the Church. Doctrine, which has been revealed by Christ, cannot change. It can become better and more fully understood, but it cannot change into something different. It even states very clearly that it does not change the Church's understanding of marriage, and gives no formal approval for irregular situations (unions). At the same time, we may recall that Dan Brown's *Divinci Code* also states clearly in the first pages that it is a work of fiction and not intended to portray reality. And yet, how many people have taken hold of its conspiracy theories.

It remains fair to say, and important to acknowledge that *Fiducia Supplicans* does represent an attack against the life-giving teachings of the Church on marriage and family. People, including some priests and bishops, to misrepresent what has been revealed to be true. I believe that it comes from a sickness in the Church and if not addressed and treated as such, will go the way of all serious illnesses. This is not something to panic over, but neither is it something to ignore.

Unlike physically life-threatening viruses and conditions, we have the treatment. The Messiah came to heal and in His life showed both His Power and His Love. We are in the season of giving thanks for His birth. And so there is nothing to fear. We are truly alive, as He is Alive; as He fell to the ground as a grain of wheat, He gave birth and rise to His Church; as He who is unchanging is, we remain Living.