



ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

106 E. 8th St. • Newton KS 67114
www.stmarynewton.org

Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs:
9am-4:30pm; Fri.: 9-12:30 pm
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St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ
our Savior

March 22, 2020

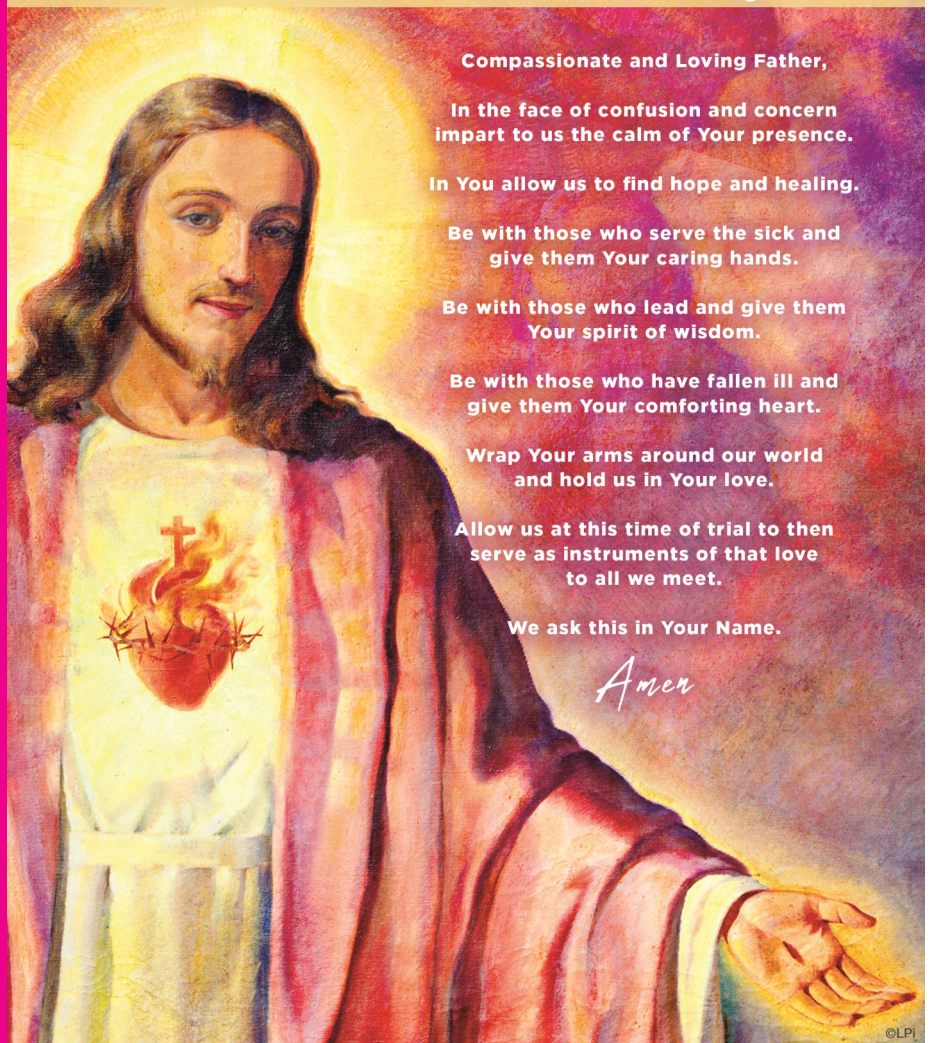
Fourth Sunday
of Lent

Sacrament of Forgiveness
(Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen

**ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Stations of the Cross:
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

**Mass Schedule This Week:
NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE
PLEASE READ THE LETTER FROM
THE BISHOP INSIDE.
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs:
9am-4:30pm; Friday: 9-12:30pm**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Mar. 24
Private	✠Michaela Rose Davis
Wednesday	Mar. 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
Private	✠Jacob Welch
Thursday	Mar. 26,
Private	✠Gordon Ahlstedt
Friday	Mar. 27
Private	June Claassen
Saturday	Mar. 28
Private	✠ Fr. Colin Boor
Sunday	Mar. 29, Fifth Sunday of Lent PRIVATE
8:30a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30a.m.	✠Jacob Welch

Parish Events

DAILY MASS: NO DAILY MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
ALL EVENTS AT ST. MARY ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

*****Please stay tuned for Auction Information*****

It's that time again! St. Mary students now have raffle tickets for sale for the annual auction. This year's prizes are:

1st - Choice of Vacation Package

2nd - \$1000 Cash

3rd - \$500 Gift Card Pack

Students will be available after some Masses starting March 28 thru April 19 to sell tickets or if you would like some please contact Kim in the school office and she will point you in the right direction. 316-282-1974. **Thank you! ~Lisa Cox**

Please welcome to our staff for the 2020-2021 school year, Jan Ruxton. She will be teaching Middle School ELA. Jan comes to us from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, where she has been the 7th and 8th grade ELA and Drama teacher for the past 14 years. SEAS is downsizing which has given us the opportunity to bring her on board.

Mrs. Johnson has made the decision to enjoy retirement and Mrs. Patton will be serving in a part-time capacity as Academic Support and Reading Interventionist for grades 5-8. We are so grateful for their service. SMCS has Spring Break Mar. 16—20. School resumes March 23.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you know has lost a child, there is a support group in Newton. The Compassionate Friends meets the second Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Nazarene Church located at 1000 N. Main. If you have questions, please call Stacy Arellano at 316-842-3799, or Jim at 288-5549.

There is help, and you can feel better.

Please Pray For our Home-Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

Geraldine Adkins	Stella Miller	Lois Silvernale
Carmen Alvarado	Sara Quinones	Virginia Schierling
Elesa Garcia	Bryan Sahlfeld	Sharon Story
Gertrude Mahoney	Norman Salmans	Ethel Wetschensky

Stewardship Message—Empowered!

“Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples”

March 22, 2020 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Today's gospel gives us another example of conversion. The key figure in the story is a man who was born blind. Jesus heals him physically, and in doing so creates a spiritual conversion. After he is healed, the man is brought before the Pharisees to explain how it is that he can suddenly see. He retells the story multiple times, and each time his belief in Jesus becomes stronger and more adamant. In the first retelling, he refers to Jesus as “a man.” The next time, he calls Jesus “a prophet.” In the end, as he is talking to Jesus again, he accepts Jesus as “the son of Man” and refers to Him as Lord. By healing his sight, Jesus has empowered this man to share his testimony; he has become a missionary disciple! How has Jesus healed you? In what way has He given you new sight? Like the healed man in this passage, we should be eager to share our own testimony, growing in faith each time we tell the story.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: **March 15, 2020**

*Regular collection.....	\$	6,897.02
Children's collection.....	\$	<u>15.05</u>
	\$	6,912.07
Other:		
* Building Fund.....	\$	529.00
Budget per week is.....	\$	15,186.92

Collections year-to-date compared to budget
Through Mar. 15, 2020..... \$ **(22,456.92)**

Your contributions are appreciated! If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you!!
~Fr. Voelker



Statement of Bishop Carl A. Kemme Regarding Suspension of Public Masses in the Diocese of Wichita.

Dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Wichita,

With deep sadness but also with confidence that this decision is the right one and in collaboration with the bishops of Kansas, I decree that effective at 1:00 p.m. March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Diocese of Wichita are suspended. This action is taken, after prayerful discernment and in light of evolving developments of the pandemic of the Coronavirus, COVID-19. This unprecedented action, though painful and challenging for the life of the Roman Catholic community is intended to assist in helping reduce the potential spread of life-threatening infection within the general population.

With this decree, the following applies to all parishes, chapels, and religious houses in the Diocese of Wichita.

- ♦ All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public. Pastors are reminded of their canonical obligation to offer one Mass per week for the people.
- ♦ The faithful are encouraged to participate in live-stream Masses or on EWTN.
- ♦ The faithful are highly encouraged to practice the time honored tradition of spiritual Communion, as well as use this time, particularly on Sundays for reflection on the sacred scriptures for the day, recitation of the Holy Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet or other devotions. The Office of Worship will be providing resources to help the faithful enter into this period of prayer and absence from the Eucharist.
- ♦ Funeral Masses are to be offered for the deceased with only immediate family in attendance and with social distancing. Priests may wish to recommend Christian burial with a Memorial Mass to follow at a later date. No funeral dinners or luncheons are to be held.
- ♦ Baptisms outside of Mass may be celebrated with only the parents, godparents and immediate family of the person being baptized.
- ♦ Please consult with the diocesan Chancery about previously scheduled weddings for the months of March and April. Quinceañeras are to be postponed.
- ♦ Confessions are to be heard only behind the screen and not face to face.
- ♦ All Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, adoration, etc., are to be canceled during this period of time.
- ♦ All events, meetings, and the like are to be canceled until further notice.
- ♦ Confirmations, First Reconciliation, First Communions are to be postponed until after this crisis has ended.
- ♦ Unless otherwise determined at a later date, this also applies to Holy Week, the Chrism Mass and Easter Sunday.

For families in our Catholic Schools, please watch for correspondence from Superintendent Janet Eaton and/or your parish school principal. The decision on how to proceed with the education of the Kansas youth will be made in the coming days.

On behalf of our pastors, I want to humbly request that the faithful continue to be good stewards by financially supporting our parishes so that they can remain current in their bills and payroll responsibilities. Sending in your contributions or opting for online giving will help us remain viable for the future. Thank you for your generosity. Questions and concerns may be directed to our staff at the diocesan Chancery. We will do our best to provide answers to your questions. Dear people, let us continue to offer our heartfelt prayers for one another during this crisis, for recovery of the sick, for those who care for them, for a speedy end to this crisis and for strength to endure whatever may come. Let us use this time well by putting Our Lord at the center of all our lives. Our faith needs to be strong in every form of trial, confident that God is with us. DO NOT BE AFRAID! Please know of my daily thoughts and prayers as we face this time of testing, trial and distress together.

+The Most Reverend Carl Kemme, Bishop of Wichita



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jesus gives sight to the blind man in today's Gospel. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then

Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Monetary gifts to your St. Vincent de Paul Society help to bring joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor. Not able to donate but still want to be of assistance? We are always looking for others to join our group. Our bi-monthly meetings are held the first Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe and the third Thursday at St. Mary. We are especially in need of persons to join our home visit teams. Do you have an hour or two each month that you could help? If so, please contact either parish office.

MAN FULLY ALIVE HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Welcome and God Bless!

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

Religious Education Class Times (PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:40pm Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Greg & Resa Davenport/Bill & Carrie Weber.

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, Lettie Kruse at 727-1200 or 283-0026.

Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459, or Mark Frazier at 316-727-6287.

Information About Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.