



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Sunday Masses

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

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9am-4:30pm; Fri.: 9-12:30 pm  
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*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday  
of Lent

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

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



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Mass Schedule This Week:  
NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**



**Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs: 9am-4:30pm**  
**Friday: Closed**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday Mar. 31	
Private	Haleigh Carson
Wednesday April 1	
Private	Molly Claassen
Thursday April 2, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit	
Private	✠Stewart Johnson
Friday April 4	
Private	✠J.T. Kelso
Saturday April 4, St. Isidore	
Private	Charlotte Gehrer
Sunday April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion	
Private (8:30)	People of the Parish
Private (10:30)	✠Herman Blann

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 29, 2020 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

“Lazarus, come out!” People love this line from scripture, for Jesus has proven his authority, even over the dead. And yet, if you read the whole story, you know that Jesus could have possibly intervened before Lazarus died. So why the intentional delay? When Jesus learns of His friend’s illness, He says, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Jesus fully intends to use the despair surrounding Lazarus’s death to create more conversion. Even in death, Lazarus has been empowered! How often do we only feel empowered when things are going well? In our darker moments, we feel abandoned, not empowered. In our discipleship, we must learn to see ALL of our circumstances as opportunities for conversion — for ourselves AND for others. Lazarus coming out of the tomb did not change his heart, he already loved Jesus deeply. Jesus brought Lazarus out of the tomb to convert the many townspeople who were there grieving. Today, make a prayer offering your entire self to Jesus. Allow Him to use you in all of your circumstances to bring others closer to Himself.

## COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

MASS: NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE  
FR. VOELKER WILL CONTINUE OFFERING PRIVATE DAILY MASS. THE INTENTIONS ARE PUBLISHED.

MASSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLEASE CHECK [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org) FOR THE LINK. FOR FACEBOOK USERS, FR. VOELKER WILL UPLOAD MASS ON HIS FB PAGE. WE ARE STILL WORKING ON THE YOUTUBE SITE/LINK.

CONFESSIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT (316) 282-0459 EXT. 1 FOR FATHER VOELKER. EMERGENCY ONLY (785) 466-6036  
CONFESSIONS ARE TO BE BEHIND THE SCREEN ONLY.

‘FRIEND’ FR. VOELKER ON FACEBOOK & CONNECT WITH HIM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE!!

THANK YOU TO ALL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR STEWARDSHIP BY MAILING IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROPPING THEM OFF IN THE MAILBOX!  
PLEASE CONTINUE TO MAIL IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROP THEM OFF IN THE MAILBOX ON THE RECTORY PORCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, PLEASE CALL MARY ANN AT 316-282-0459 EXT 4 AND SHE WILL GET THE FORM TO YOU. YOU MAY ALSO PRINT IT OFF OUR WEBSITE- CLICK ON THE “GIVE” LINK AND CLICK ON AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL. THANK YOU!

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES ARE PENDING. WE WILL ANNOUNCE ANY CHANGES AS SOON AS WE ARE INFORMED FROM THE DIOCESE.

### ST. MARY SCHOOL AUCTION UPDATE

Due to CDC recommendations for large gatherings, the 2020 St. Mary Catholic School Auction event has been cancelled. However, students will still be selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, purchase for your chance to win! Please call the school office with any questions. 316-282-1974.

### Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: **March 22, 2020**

*Regular collection.....	\$ 13,585.00
Children’s collection.....	\$ <u>      N/A      </u>
	\$ 13,585.00
Other:	
* Building Fund.....	\$ 989.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 15,186.92

Collections year-to-date compared to budget  
Through Mar. 22, 2020..... \$ (24,058.84)  
**Your contributions are appreciated! If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you!!**  
~Fr. Voelker

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

This necessarily brief look at man's situation in the modern world makes us direct our thoughts and our hearts to Jesus Christ, and to the mystery of the Redemption, in which the question of man is inscribed with a special vigor of truth and love. If Christ "united himself with each man", the Church lives more profoundly her own nature and mission by penetrating into the depths of this mystery and into its rich universal language. It was not without reason that the Apostle speaks of Christ's Body, the Church. If this Mystical Body of Christ is God's People—as the Second Vatican Council was to say later on the basis of the whole of the Biblical and patristic tradition—his means that in it each man receives within himself that breath of life that comes from Christ. In this way, turning to man and his real problems, his hopes and sufferings, his achievements and falls—this too also makes the Church as a body, an organism, a social unit perceive the same divine influences, the light and strength of the Spirit that come from the crucified and risen Christ, and it is for this very reason that she lives her life. The Church has only one life: that which is given her by her Spouse and Lord. Indeed, precisely because Christ united himself with her in his mystery of Redemption, the Church must be strongly united with each man. This union of Christ with man is in itself a mystery. From the mystery is born "the new man", called to become a partaker of God's life, and newly created in Christ for the fullness of grace and truth. Christ's union with man is power and the source of power, as Saint John stated so incisively in the prologue of his Gospel: "(The Word) gave power to become children of God". Man is transformed inwardly by this power as the source of a new life that does not disappear and pass away but lasts to eternal life. This life, which the Father has promised and offered to each man in Jesus Christ, his eternal and only Son, who, "when the time had fully come", became incarnate and was born of the Virgin Mary, is the final fulfilment of man's vocation. It is in a way the fulfilment of the "destiny" that God has prepared for him from eternity. This "divine destiny" is advancing, in spite of all the enigmas, the unsolved riddles, the twists and turns of "human destiny" in the world of time. Indeed, while all this, in spite of all the riches of life in time, necessarily and inevitably leads to the frontier of death and the goal of the destruction of the human body, beyond that goal we see Christ. "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me... shall never die". In Jesus Christ, who was crucified and laid in the tomb and then rose again, "our hope of resurrection dawned... the bright promise of immortality", on the way to which man, through the death of the body, shares with the whole of visible creation the necessity to which matter is subject. We intend and are trying to fathom ever more deeply the language of the truth that man's Redeemer enshrined in the phrase "It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail". In spite of appearances, these words express the highest affirmation of man—the affirmation of the body given life by the Spirit.

Doctrinal section continued...

The Church lives these realities, she lives by this truth about man, which enables him to go beyond the bounds of temporariness and at the same time to think with particular love and solicitude of everything within the dimensions of this temporariness that affect man's life and the life of the human spirit, in which is expressed that never-ending restlessness referred to in the words of Saint Augustine: "You made us for yourself, Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you". In this creative restlessness beats and pulsates what is most deeply human—the search for truth, the insatiable need for the good, hunger for freedom, nostalgia for the beautiful, and the voice of conscience. Seeking to see man as it were with "the eyes of Christ himself", the Church becomes more and more aware that she is the guardian of a great treasure, which she may not waste but must continually increase. Indeed, the Lord Jesus said:

"He who does not gather with me scatters". This treasure of humanity enriched by the inexpressible mystery of divine filiation and by the grace of "adoption as sons" in the Only Son of God, through whom we call God "Abba, Father", is also a powerful force unifying the Church above all inwardly and giving meaning to all her activity

Through this force the Church is united with the Spirit of Christ, that Holy Spirit promised and continually communicated by the Redeemer and whose descent, which was revealed on the day of Pentecost, endures for ever. Thus the powers of the Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit are revealed in men. The present-day Church seems to repeat with ever greater fervor and with holy insistence: "Come, Holy Spirit!". Come! Come! "Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour your dew; Wash the stains of guilt away; Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

~St. John Paul II

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn  
8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54,  
55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn  
8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf.  
7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.  
10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66

## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA

For a list of the area churches live streaming Mass, go to: [www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org](http://www.catholicdioceseofwichita.org)  
And click on the live stream Mass link.  
These Mass times and prayers are temporary and are being offered during the suspension of in person Masses at all parishes in the diocese.  
While participating in an online Mass, please pray an Act of Spiritual Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## Faith at Home

### WAYS TO GROW IN FAITH AT HOME ESPECIALLY DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

This is the web page a parish in Seattle started to help families find resources for growing in faith at home during the COVID – 19 outbreak

<http://bit.ly/websiteFaithatHome>

### 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.*

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

A warm welcome to our newest members & families:  
**Christopher Tyson**

## 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

\*\*PLEASE CALL FR. VOLKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 1

### 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.