



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday  
of Easter

Sunday Masses

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

Sacrament of Forgiveness  
(Confession)

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

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**Parish Office Hours:** Mon.-Thurs:  
9am-4:30pm; Fri.: 9-12:30 pm  
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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way  
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of  
bread. —Lk 24:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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	April 28, St. Peter Chanel
Private	✠Fr. Steven Scheier
Wednesday	April 29, St. Catherine of Siena
Private	✠David Winter
Thursday	April 30, St. Pius V
Private	✠Jim Soth
Friday	May 1, St. Joseph the Worker
Private	✠J. T. Kelso
Saturday	May 2, St. Athanasius
Private	People of the Parish
Sunday	May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter
Private (8:30)	✠Bonnie Zwiesler-Retter
Private (10:30)	Emma Lee Shippy

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

Geraldine Adkins	Mary O'Brien	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”

Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2020

Today's gospel tells of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is a very popular passage to study and pray with! One important theme that speaks to us particularly as disciples is the urgent need to share a story! When the two disciples in this story recognized Jesus and understood all they'd heard that evening, they "set out at once and returned to Jerusalem." This was probably a seven mile walk! They couldn't wait to tell the other disciples gathered there what had happened! There is a burning need within us all to tell our stories; we want to share our experiences with others! We are called first to share the gospel, but we are also called to share our personal stories in light of the gospel. As Missionary Disciples, we should reflect on our own conversion stories and share them with others. Jesus told us to go and make disciples of all nations. This means His story must be shared over and over again, and He has given us the Holy Spirit to Empower us to do so.

## COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

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

MASSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLEASE CHECK [www.stmarynewton.org](http://www.stmarynewton.org) AND CLICK THE FACEBOOK LINK  
CONFESSIONS ARE SATURDAY FROM 4-5PM WITH PROPER DISTANCING. YOU MAY CALL FR. VOELKER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AT (785) 466-6036

'FRIEND' FR. VOELKER ON FACEBOOK & CONNECT WITH HIM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE!! GO TO [WWW.STMARYNEWTON.ORG](http://WWW.STMARYNEWTON.ORG) & CLICK ON THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL/READ MORE LINK TO SUBSCRIBE AND WATCH HIS COVID-19 CATECHISM

THANK YOU TO ALL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR STEWARDSHIP BY MAILING IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROPPING 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 THE OFFICE, 316-282-0459 EXT 4. AND SHE WILL ASSIST YOU!!

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Mary Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2020-21 school year. We are enrolling for PreK3 through Eighth Grade. We have openings in our Preschool which meet throughout the school year at the following days and times: PreK3 meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-11:00 AM. PreK4 meets Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:00-11:00 AM  
We also have openings in our Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Please contact Mrs. Kim in our school office for enrollment information at 316-282-1974. Raffle tickets are still available for purchase until May 16. Please call the school office at 316-282-1974.

### Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: April 19, 2020

*Regular collection.....	\$ 15,859.50
Children's collection.....	\$ <u>N/A</u>
	\$ 15,859.50
Other:	
* Building Fund.....	\$ 1,289.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 15,186.92

\* Includes 4/20 ACH payments

Collections year-to-date compared to budget

Through Apr. 19, 2020..... \$ (21,221.52)

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

Last Easter Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent, of the resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this faithful and patient mercy, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet. You may object: "But I keep falling!" The Lord knows this and he is always ready to raise you up. He does not want us to keep thinking about our failings; rather, he wants us to look to him. For when we fall, he sees children needing to be put back on their feet; in our failings he sees children in need of his merciful love. Today, in this church that has become a shrine of mercy in Rome, and on this Sunday that Saint John Paul II dedicated to Divine Mercy twenty years ago, we confidently welcome this message. Jesus said to Saint Faustina: "I am love and mercy itself; there is no human misery that could measure up to my mercy" (Diary, 14 September 1937). At one time, the Saint, with satisfaction, told Jesus that she had offered him all of her life and all that she had. But Jesus' answer stunned her: "You have not offered me the thing is truly yours". What had that holy nun kept for herself? Jesus said to her with kindness: "My daughter, give me your failings" (10 October 1937). We too can ask ourselves: "Have I given my failings to the Lord? Have I let him see me fall so that he can raise me up?" Or is there something I still keep inside me? A sin, a regret from the past, a wound that I have inside, a grudge against someone, an idea about a particular person... The Lord waits for us to offer him our failings so that he can help us experience his mercy. Let us go back to the disciples. They had abandoned the Lord at his Passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him. In those wounds, he touches with his hands God's tender closeness. Thomas arrived late, but once he received mercy, he overtook the other disciples: he believed not only in the resurrection, but in the boundless love of God. And he makes the most simple and beautiful profession of faith: "My Lord and my God!" (v. 28). Here is the resurrection of the disciple: it is accomplished when his frail and wounded humanity enters into that of Jesus. There, every doubt is resolved; there, God becomes my God; there, we begin to accept ourselves and to love life as it is. Dear brothers and sisters, in the time of trial that we are presently undergoing, we too, like Thomas, with our fears and our doubts, have experienced our frailty. We need the Lord, who sees beyond that frailty an irrepressible beauty. With him we rediscover how precious we are even in our vulnerability. We discover that we are like beautiful crystals, fragile and at the same time precious. And if, like crystal, we are transparent before him, his light – the light of mercy – will shine in us and through us in the world.

As the Letter of Peter said, this is a reason for being "filled with joy, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials" (1 Pt 1:6). As the Letter of Peter said, this is a reason for being "filled with joy, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials" (1 Pt 1:6).

On this feast of Divine Mercy, the most beautiful message comes from Thomas, the disciple who arrived late; he was the only one missing. But the Lord waited for Thomas. Mercy does not abandon those who stay behind. Now, while we are looking forward to a slow and arduous recovery from the pandemic, there is a danger that we will forget those who are left behind. The risk is that we may then be struck by an even worse virus, that of selfish indifference. A virus spread by the thought that life is better if it is better for me, and that everything will be fine if it is fine for me. It begins there and ends up selecting one person over another, disregarding the poor, and sacrificing those left behind on the altar of progress. The present pandemic, however, reminds us that there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken by what is happening all around us: the time has come to eliminate inequalities, to heal the injustice that is undermining the health of the entire human family! Let us learn from the early Christian community described in the Acts of the Apostles. It received mercy and lived with mercy: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:44-45). This is not some ideology: it is Christianity.

~ Pope Francis

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

During these trying times, the Spiritual Life Center is open for private prayer only from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day of the week. The faithful are invited and encouraged to make use of our nature trails, outside Stations of the Cross, and chapel space (with appropriate social distancing) during this time. You can also follow us on Facebook to keep in touch. Our prayers are with you. The Center is located at 7100 E 45th Street N. Bel Aire, KS 67226.

### Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## Catholic Charities Serves During Crisis

Catholic Charities continues to serve clients during the health crisis. Our Daily Bread Food Pantry is serving more families each week, and our shelters continue to house homeless families and those fleeing domestic violence. Your financial support gives us the greatest flexibility in meeting the needs of our community. Act now to help us earn a \$50,000 challenge grant; the impact of your gift will double thanks to a generous donor. Visit [CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/COVID-19-Response](http://CatholicCharitiesWichita.org/COVID-19-Response) to learn more, or text "CCW Cares" to 31611.

### *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.

#### **WE APPRECIATE IT!**

Thank you for continuing to mail in/bring your weekly offerings to the church. If you are looking for another way to help financially, just make sure that you have chosen St. Mary's Church in the community rewards program through Dillons. Look at the bottom of your receipt, and if it doesn't say St. Marys, you will need to link your card by going to [www.dillons.com](http://www.dillons.com) and register (if you haven't already done so). After you sign in, you can click on your account, and then click the community rewards link and type in St. Marys to link it. If you have questions, call 282-0459. Every bit helps. Thank you!!!

### **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. VOELKER 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.