



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

May 3, 2020

Fourth 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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**Parish School of Religion**  
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# 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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**ADORATION CHAPEL CLOSED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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



**Temporary Office Hours:**  
Mon: 9am-12:00pm  
Thurs: 9am-4:30pm  
Friday: Closed



# Mass Intentions for the Week

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Tuesday         | May 5                          |
| Private         | Kathy Wiens                    |
| Wednesday       | May 6                          |
| Private         | ✠Dave Winter                   |
| Thursday        | May 7, National Day of Prayer  |
| Private         | ✠Fr. Steven Scheier            |
| Friday          | May 8                          |
| Private         | Robert Bunting                 |
| Saturday        | May 9                          |
| Private         | People of the Parish           |
| Sunday          | May 10, Fifth Sunday of Easter |
| Private (8:30)  | ✠Roger Gillispie               |
| Private (10:30) | ✠Norma Ford                    |

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” Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:14A, 36-41 1 Pet 2:20B-25 Jn 10:1-10*

Jesus says, “A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Hopefully you have not encountered an actual thief in your house! But consider for a moment some of the figurative “thieves” that may be dwelling in your heart and home ... anxiety, fear, anger, resentment. These “thieves” are robbing you of the abundant joy God means for you to have – they slowly and subtly destroy your discipleship. In today’s gospel, Jesus hopes that the Pharisees will realize He is accusing them of falling victim to such thieves. Let’s take a moment to look at ourselves in comparison to the Pharisees. Do we also need to hear this message with humility? Jesus has empowered you with the Holy Spirit...you were made to live life abundantly. Learn to ignore the voices of the “thieves” and instead follow the call of the Good Shepherd!

## COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

**MASS: NO PUBLIC MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE-STAY TUNED FOR A FLOCKNOTE THIS WEEK EXPLAINING THE ANTICIPATED RETURN TO MASS!!!**  
**FR. VOELKER WILL CONTINUE OFFERING PRIVATE DAILY MASS. THE INTENTIONS ARE IN THE BULLETIN.**  
**MASSES 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**

**IN THESE CHANGING TIMES, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL TO HELP STREAMLINE THE “COUNTING” PROCESS. PLEASE CALL MARY ANN AT 316-282-0459 EXT 4 AND SHE WILL GET YOU SET UP!**  
**THANK YOU TO ALL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR STEWARDSHIP BY MAILING IN YOUR ENVELOPES OR DROPPING THEM OFF.**

## 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 26, 2020**

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| *Regular collection.....   | \$ 10,181.56  |
| Children’s collection..... | \$ <u>N/A</u> |
|                            | \$ 10,181.56  |
| Other:                     |               |
| * Building Fund.....       | \$ 760.00     |
| Budget per week is.....    | \$ 15,186.92  |

\* Includes 4/20 ACH payments

Collections year-to-date compared to budget

Through Apr. 26, 2020..... \$ (26,226.88)

**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

Although God "dwells in unapproachable light," He speaks to man he means of the whole of the universe: "ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made."<sup>9</sup> This indirect and imperfect knowledge, achieved by the intellect seeking God by means of creatures through the visible world, falls short of "vision of the Father." "No one has ever seen God," writes St. John, in order to stress the truth that "the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known. "This "making known" reveals God in the most profound mystery of His being, one and three, surrounded by "unapproachable light." Nevertheless, through this "making known" by Christ we know God above all in His relationship of love for man: in His "philanthropy." It is precisely here that "His invisible nature" becomes in a special way "visible," incomparably more visible than through all the other "things that have been made": it becomes visible in Christ and through Christ, through His actions and His words, and finally through His death on the cross and His resurrection. In this way, in Christ and through Christ, God also becomes especially visible in His mercy; that is to say, there is emphasized that attribute of the divinity which the Old Testament, using various concepts and terms, already defined as "mercy." Christ confers on the whole of the Old Testament tradition about God's mercy a definitive meaning. Not only does He speak of it and explain it by the use of comparisons and parables, but above all He Himself makes it incarnate and personifies it. He Himself, in a certain sense, is mercy. To the person who sees it in Him - and finds it in Him - God becomes "visible" in a particular way as the Father who is rich in mercy." The present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy. The word and the concept of "mercy" seem to cause uneasiness in man, who, thanks to the enormous development of science and technology, never before known in history, has become the master of the earth and has subdued and dominated it. This dominion over the earth, sometimes understood in a one - sided and superficial way, seems to have no room for mercy. However, in this regard we can profitably refer to the picture of "man's situation in the world today" as described at the beginning of the Constitution *Gaudium et spes*. Here we read the following sentences: "In the light of the foregoing factors there appears the dichotomy of a world that is at once powerful and weak, capable of doing what is noble and what is base, disposed to freedom and slavery, progress and decline, brotherhood and hatred. Man is growing conscious that the forces he has unleashed are in his own hands and that it is up to him to control them or be enslaved by them." The situation of the world today not only displays transformations that give grounds for hope in a better future for man on earth, but also reveals a multitude of threats, far surpassing those known up till now. Without ceasing to point out these threats on various occasions (as in addresses at UNO, to UNESCO, to FAO and elsewhere),

the Church must at the same time examine them in the light of the truth received from God. The truth, revealed in Christ, about God the "Father of mercies," enables us to "see" Him as particularly close to man especially when man is suffering, when he is under threat at the very heart of his existence and dignity. And this is why, in the situation of the Church and the world today, many individuals and groups guided by a lively sense of faith are turning, I would say almost spontaneously, to the mercy of God. They are certainly being moved to do this by Christ Himself, who through His Spirit works within human hearts. For the mystery of God the "Father of mercies" revealed by Christ becomes, in the context of today's threats to man, as it were a unique appeal addressed to the Church.

In the present encyclical wish to accept this appeal; I wish to draw from the eternal and at the same time-for its simplicity and depth- incomparable language of revelation and faith, in order through this same language to express once more before God and before humanity the major anxieties of our time. In fact, revelation and faith teach us not only to meditate in the abstract upon the mystery of God as "Father of mercies," but also to have recourse to that mercy in the name of Christ and in union with Him. Did not Christ say that our Father, who "sees in secret," is always waiting for us to have recourse to Him in every need and always waiting for us to study His mystery: the mystery of the Father and His love?

~ *John Paul II*

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

During these trying times, the Spiritual Life Center's indoor facilities are closed to the public. All programs and events have been cancelled through the second weekend in May. The faithful are invited and encouraged to make use of our nature trails, outside Stations of the Cross, and outdoor prayer spaces as much as they like. The spring flowers are beautiful this time of year! 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 May 3, 2020

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

## 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.

**Part-time Bookkeeper:** The Catholic Diocese of Wichita is seeking an exceptional individual to serve as a part-time bookkeeper. Must be available to work 15-20 hours per week, a minimum of three days per week. This individual will assist the Accounting Office (Chancery Office), in all aspects of accounting which include general bookkeeping, preparing and processing accounts receivable and accounts payable, and reconciling accounts. Application deadline is noon, May 22, 2020. For information regarding requirements, please check our job posting at <http://catholicdioceseofwichita.org/careers>.

### 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.