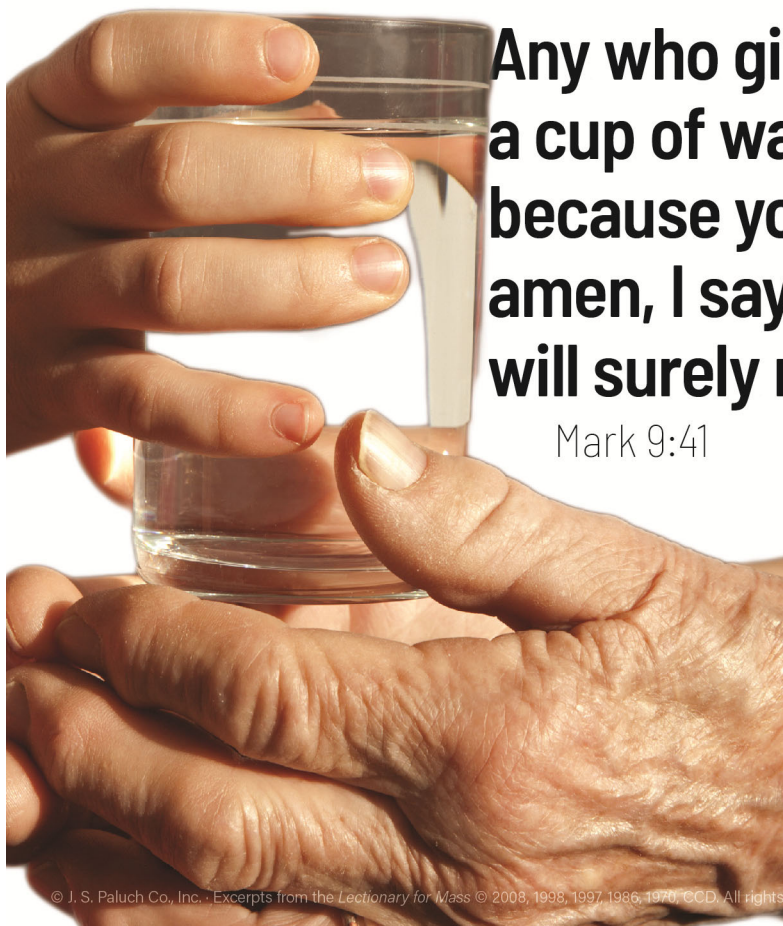


# Saint Mary's Catholic Church



**Any who give you  
a cup of water to drink  
because you belong to Christ,  
amen, I say to you,  
will surely not lose their reward.**

Mark 9:41

## Twenty-sixth

Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

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## NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time! He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor.

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## Mass Intentions For the Week

### TUESDAY, September 28

Saint Wenceslaus, martyr

5:15 pm Randee Lone †

### WEDNESDAY, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels

7:00 am Phyllis Yoder †

### THURSDAY, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Bill Coles †

### FRIDAY, October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin  
and Doctor of the Church

7:00 am Wally Payne †

8:30 am Chris Kastler †

### SATURDAY, October 2

4:30 pm Dominic DeFrancesco †

### SUNDAY, October 3

8:00 am Dennis Fischbeck †

10:00 am St. Mary's Parish Family

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23  
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87: 1b-7;  
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138: 1-5;  
Jn 1: 47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11  
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79: 1b-5, 8-9  
Lk 10: 13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128: 1-6; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

# Bulletin Advertiser of the Week

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## This Week in Our Parish

### MONDAY, September 27

10 am & 6 pm—Men's Bible Study (mr 1)

10 am & 6 pm—Women's Bible Study (mr2)

6:30 pm—RCIA (parish center)

### TUESDAY, September 28

11:00 am-3:00 pm—Clergy Day of Recollection

### WEDNESDAY, September 29

7:00-8:30 pm—High School Youth (pc)

7:00 pm—Choir Practice (church)

### THURSDAY, September 30

7:30 am-7:00 pm—Adoration (church)

# NEEDED

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
**USHERS**

**LECTORS (especially 4:30 Mass)**

If you have served before, we would love to have you back. If you are new to serving in a ministry or have been thinking about it, please answer our plea. Training will be provided. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the east side of the gathering area.

**Thank you and God bless you!**

## September Income Report

September Income	Week 1 (1st-5th)	September Budget	Still Needed / Estimated Expense
Weekly Envelopes & ACH	22,835.80 (includes a yearly donation)	70,083.34	Needed 47,247.54
Plate	60.00	666.67	Needed 606.67
Maintenance Estimated	759.38	3,000.00	Needed 2,278.12
Utilities Estimated	1025.00	4,100.00	Needed 3,075.00

**DIRECTORY ONLINE SCHEDULING  
AVAILABLE for OCTOBER**

go to **www.ucdir.com**

Click on photography appointment  
scheduling login on the right side,  
enter **mo126**

enter **photos** in the Church Password field.  
Follow the prompts to schedule your family's  
appointment time.

If you have 6 or more in your family please  
use 2 consecutive time slots.

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

**St. Mary Parish Center (Joplin)**

**Wednesday, September 29  
3:00-6:00 pm**

All persons working with youth are required to  
have this training. Preregistration is necessary.  
You **MUST** go on line to register at  
[www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org). If you have any questions, call  
the church office at 623-3333. Participants must  
be present for the entire training. Training  
sessions are for adults only (18 and older).

*Please Pray For...*

Josh Lordemann	Jason Yost
Juliet Anreder	Mary Schriever
Phyllis Wilson	Chris Bickett
Shirley Chandler	Doris Sweeney
Scott Grigsby	Kerry Bishop
Lawrence & Susan Filosa	
Patricia Williams	Dorothy Lowry
Debbie Randall	Mary Lou Timpe
Judy Clarkson	Tracey Straub
Henry Schluter	Joanne Bauni
Frank Slawinski	Melissa Plant
Jennifer McKeough	Doug Glynn
Scottie Black	Sharon Reeve
Brenda Glynn	Nancy Roark
Doloris Sonntag	Sara Metts
Ann & Charlie Bunnell	
Danny Crane	Susan Koeppen
Richard Wilson	Mike Tettamble
George Grimm	Katie Wilson
Luke Babcock	Dick Graue
Pat & Ryan McShane	
Jari Rusnack	Jamie Wilson
Elizabeth Ruddock	
Joyce Steuber	Irene Marshall
Sharon Stribling	Verle Gilbert
Kamron McKeough	Marge Reynolds
Susan Jones	Maureen McKeough

*Members of the US Military*

Cpl Benjamin Root, USMC  
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Thomas Scheuerman, USArmy

**2021-2022 DIOCESAN CODES of  
CONDUCT are now AVAILABLE!**

As you are probably aware, the Diocese of  
Springfield-Cape Girardeau requires every  
parish and school employee and all adult  
volunteers who work with minors or  
vulnerable adults to read, complete, and sign  
a Diocesan Code of Conduct each year.  
These are now available on the bulletin table.  
Retain pages 1-4 for your future reference.  
Page 5 needs to be turned into your parish or  
school office.

**Catholic Campus Ministry is back!**

All college students in the Joplin area are  
welcome. We are meeting weekly after the 6  
pm Sunday Mass at St. Peter's for food,  
socializing, and spirituality! We have some  
great events in the works coming soon, and  
we want you to be a part of it! Contact Fr.  
Brian if you have any questions. To be  
added to our contact list, email Becca Diskin  
at [Diskin-B@mssu.edu](mailto:Diskin-B@mssu.edu). Spread the word!



Please remember in prayer the  
family of Jacqueline Pulasky  
(daughter of Mary Goodwin) who  
recently returned to the Lord. May  
she rest in God's everlasting peace.

Sister Jeanne Christensen, RSM, Sister of Mercy Advocate against Human Trafficking, will present a program about Human Trafficking. She will provide basic information on what it is, who is at risk and what to do if you suspect someone is being trafficked. Join us October 5th in the St. Mary's Parish Center at 6 pm. This program is being sponsored by St. Mary's PCCW and the Mercy Associates. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Patty Wheeler 417-434-6545 or Connie Walters 417-529-4769 for further information.



## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:

Thank you to all who came to youth Group for *"Bother the Father"* with Fr. Brian. A lot of great questions were asked, and Fr. Brian gave away prizes to good listeners! The Youth enjoyed faith, fun, fellowship and food—pizza and donuts!! A special thank you to the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus for providing us with donuts for dessert! That was very 'sweet' of you!!! Our next gathering will be Wednesday, September 29, at St. Mary's at 7:00 pm. Please bring a friend!!

We need all hands on deck for Breakfast Burritos TO GO this Sunday! Please be at St. Mary's Parish Center at 8:00 am. If you need to step away to go to Mass that is fine! We will be delivering orders to St. Peter's at 10:00 am in Our Lady's Hall to those who signed up and pre-ordered at St. Peter's. Those who signed up/pre-ordered at St. Mary's will pick their burritos up in the St. Mary's Parish Center or the Drive-thru after either the 8:00 am Mass or the 10:00 am Mass. Thank you so much for supporting the Youth of both parishes and for your generous donations.



\*Breakfast Burritos TO GO 9/26

Wednesday, September 29, parish center—7:00 pm

Sunday, October 10, at St. Peter's— 7:00 pm

\*Breakfast Burritos TO GO 10/24

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 pm—parish center— Halloween Party !!!!! Wear a costume !!!!!



**Masking remains recommended at St. Mary's**

You no longer have to wear a mask if you have been vaccinated.

The distribution of Holy Communion will be returned to its proper place in the Mass.

The faithful will return to their pews after receiving Communion.

The Precious Blood will NOT be reinstated at this time.

Mass will end as it did pre-pandemic.

The Sign of Peace will be reinstated in a safe way at this time.

All weekend Ministers will be reintroduced **with** masks.

Donations will continue to be placed at the baptismal font and south exits.

**This Weekend's Ministry Schedule      September 25-26**

**4:30 Mass**

**Lector**

*Charlene Campbell*

*Volunteer*

**Usher**

*Denis Desmond*

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

**Guitarist**

*Terry Guinn*

**Cantor**

*Terry Guinn*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*2 Volunteers*

**Altar Servers**

**8:00 Mass**

**Lector**

*Eden Esguerra*

*Val Frankoski*

**Usher**

*Martin O'Toole*

*Fred Wheeler*

*Volunteer*

*Volunteer*

**Organist**

*Brian Hilsabeck*

**Cantor**

*Tricia Gould*

**Eucharistic Minister**

*2 Volunteers*

**Altar Servers**

**10:00 Mass**

**Lector**

*Lisa Green*

*Chris Perrey*

**Usher**

*Dan Sears*

*Sean Williams*

*Steve Williams*

*Volunteer*

**Organist**

*Brian Hilsabeck*

**Cantor**

CHOIR

**Eucharistic Minister**

*2 Volunteers*

**Altar Servers**

**NOTE:** Three Altar Servers and one or two Eucharistic Minister can be used at each Mass. You will however, need to hand sanitize and wear a mask.

**Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass– RECEPTION CANCELED**

Everyone attending Mass needs to wear a mask. We are asking that only couples attend these liturgies. Mass will be celebrated on this side of the diocese at the following time:

**Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., in St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield**

Couples will receive by mail a marriage certificate from Bishop Rice with a copy of the group photo taken after Mass. Those couples celebrating their 25- 50- year anniversary (or 60!) will receive an Episcopal Blessing and a special gift from Bishop Rice by mail. Please **register** by **October 1**, or fill out a form (at the bulletin table) and mail it to Kim Brayman, in the Office of Family Life, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65806-3143, or Email the information to **kbrayman@dioscg.org**. The registration form can also be found on the Family Life page of the diocesan Website at **dioscg.org**.

## St. Mary's Parish Council Minutes

### August 24, 2021

**Present:** Father Joe, Karen Long, Scott Lone, Patty Wheeler, Denis Desmond, Wayne Wilmes, Jim Mobley, Steve Williams, Margie Black. Stephanie Elbert recorded the minutes.

The meeting began with a prayer led by Fr. Joe  
The Council recited the Parish Mission Statement.

The April 20, 2021 Minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **Finance Report:**

Denis presented a brief summary of the yearend report. Weekly collections were \$6,265 above budget which was \$20,565 below last year. Operating expenses were \$52,577 below budget and \$28,446 below last year. These are after the \$24,200 cash from PPP (Payroll Protection Plan). Our receipts were \$1,127,716 compared to \$1,172,894 expenditures resulting in a \$45,178 deficit/cash shortfall which reduced the checking account to \$18,177. The Fulfilling the Vision (savings) increased \$20,956 to \$48,102.

Members of the Finance Committee: Fr. Joe, Jim Hardy, Mark Timpe, Denis Desmond with Steve Baich (bookkeeper) established and approved the Budget for fiscal year 2022.

#### **Ministry Committee Reports:**

Men's Bible Study began on August 16<sup>th</sup> with sessions at 10am and 6pm.

Women's Bible Study took a break for the summer, some ladies continued to meet at Panera's to enjoy coffee/pastry and a continued fellowship with each other until Bible Study resumes, which will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> with the normal 10am and 6pm sessions.

PCCW Since the last parish council meeting in May, the PCCW has been busy. A Mass was offered for the deceased ladies of the parish who returned to the Lord in 2020-2021. We held an executive officer's meeting with the intent of planning the upcoming program year which will include a variety of social and stewardship activities. PCCW women helped with three parish receptions: the Memorial Mass for Fr. Justin; the Memorial Mass for the 10 Year Anniversary of the Tornado; and a welcome weekend for Fr. Brian Straus. The PCCW took the lead with the pictorial directory project and updating parish membership family information. They also led the Rosary before the 10:00 am Mass on the last Sunday of the month for May, June, and July.

PSR: No Report

#### **Pastor's Time:**

Father Joe asked Council members to be thinking about replacements for Bryan Higdon and Anita Kenkel who stepped down from the Council. He said that he also needs a couple of people for the School Board.

The idea of a Ministry Fair was brought up. It was suggested, due to the pandemic, that groups be assigned a weekend to speak at each Mass about their ministry. The idea was well received.

**New Business:** Fr. Joe suggested a joint Parish Council meeting with St. Peter's Council to further our Training on the new norms for parish councils. We will meet in our parish center on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and watch the first session of *REVIVE*. The Councils will split apart, brainstorm, and then come back together to share ideas.

**Old Business:** None

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

**The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the parish center.**

Beginning September 18, 2021 through October 18, 2021, St. Mary's PCCW and St. Mary's Elementary School will be participating in the *BOX OF JOY* ministry in association with Cross Catholic Outreach, (several weeks ago we had a visiting priest from this organization). By donating items to be placed in 25 or more boxes given to us by Box of Joy, your family will bless children suffering from extreme poverty when together we can share the joy of Christmas and plant seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage every family to help with this service project. This project is also in need of a monetary donation of \$9.00 per box to cover the cost of shipping each box to an individual child. In the foyer, you can pick up a list of needed items and/or an envelope for the monetary donation, bring the items or the envelope back no later than October 18, 2021. For more information, contact project leaders: Joanne Lown, principal of St. Mary's or Patty Wheeler, PCCW president. You can also check out [boxofjoy.com](http://boxofjoy.com).

## BOX OF JOY

CATHOLICS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES UNITE THROUGH *BOX OF JOY* MINISTRY TO SEND CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. 61,422 CHILDREN RECEIVED BOXES OF JOY IN 2020

724 PARISHES, SCHOOLS, AND GROUPS PARTICIPATED

7 COUNTRIES SERVED: HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND GRENADA

1,352 TEAM JOY VOLUNTEERS HELPED ORGANIZE, COLLECT, TRANSPORT, AND PACK BOXES FOR SHIPMENT

THIS YEAR, ST. MARY'S WILL PARTICIPATE WITH YOUR HELP!!



For Children  
Who Wish  
For Just  
One Gift

Box of Joy is a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach.

YOUR BOX OF JOY MAY BE THE ONLY CHRISTMAS GIFT A CHILD RECEIVES!



**JACS return to school: Guidance for Return to School information may be found on the JACS website: <https://www.jacss.org/about/covid-19/> It will be found under the title: [Letter from the Director – September 2021](#)**

### **Virtus Training**

If you volunteer at our schools, you must complete the Protecting God's Children Virtus training. Class will be offered at the St. Mary's campus September 29th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Please register at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). If you have any questions, please contact Marla Testerman in the JACS Administration office at: (417) 624-5003 or [mtesterman@jacss.org](mailto:mtesterman@jacss.org).

### **First Tuesday**

Join us on the First Tuesday of every month at **Club 609** for lunch, dinner, or the purchase of a gift certificate. A portion of sales from the First Tuesday of the month support the JACS scholarship fund.

### **Now Hiring**

St. Mary's Elementary School is looking for After School Care workers for this school year. Working at St. Mary's is a great part-time opportunity... afternoon hours with no weekends, time off for holidays, and casual dress that allows for interacting with our great students. Shifts are usually 2:30-5:30 p.m. Mondays—Fridays, 4-5 days a week. If you are dependable, responsible, and would like to work 12-15 hours a week caring for and spending time with fun and well-mannered children, contact Principal Joanne Lown at the school 623-1465 or [jlown@jacss.org](mailto:jlown@jacss.org).

St. Mary's is looking for substitutes for the school year. If you would like to spend time surrounded by respectful, kind, and curious students, this might be a great opportunity for you! Time needed in the classroom varies depending on the teacher's needs. Lesson plans and schedules are always provided to ensure a great experience for everyone. Contact Principal Joanne Lown for more information at 623-1465 or [jlown@jacss.org](mailto:jlown@jacss.org).

The following coaching positions are open for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested, please contact Mike Howard at: [mhoward@jacss.org](mailto:mhoward@jacss.org) for details:

HS Baseball—Assistant Coach  
HS Boys Basketball—Assistant Coach  
HS Track—Assistant Coach

*While we place all our confidence in God, we must act as if all depended on ourselves.*

-Sister Catherine McAuley, Sisters of Mercy founder



ADS

**Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Pastor**

**Fr. Brian J. Straus, Associate Pastor**

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass—4:30 pm

Sunday—8:00 and 10:00 am

Tuesday—5:15 pm

Wednesday through Friday—7:00 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00—4:00 pm or by appointment.

### ADORATION

Thursday, 7:30 am—7:00 pm

### PARISH STAFF

Stephanie M. Elbert, Secretary

John England, Custodian

Stephen Baich, Bookkeeper

Patty Wheeler, Parish Council President

### DIRECTOR of Joplin Area Catholic Schools

Sister Julie Brandt, SSND, 624-5003

### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Joanne Lown, St. Mary Grade School (P-5)

Dr. Emily Yoakam, St. Peter's Middle School (6-8) and  
McAuley Catholic High School (9-12)

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### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Parents are to be registered in the Parish. Call for an appointment and visit. Preparation classes are required. Schedule will be given at appointment time.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Arrange for a date at the Parish Office at least 8 months prior to your wedding. All diocesan regulations must be fulfilled.

**RCIA:** For adults inquiring into the Catholic faith, to learn more about being Catholic, or interested in becoming Catholic. For more information contact the Parish Office.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Those that are preparing for surgery, suffer from a chronic illness, an addiction, or the effects of aging may receive this Sacrament by calling the Parish Office.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles must be e-mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office by Noon on Monday for the following weekend's issue.

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Please e-mail bulletin articles to:

**church@stmarysparishjoplin.com**

### Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. ALL ADULTS, 18 YEARS OLD AND NO LONGER IN SCHOOL, MUST REGISTER IN THEIR OWN NAME.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ # in FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone

Moving, please remove from parish list.

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