

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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January 17, 2016 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	David Wiese (deceased), requested by Gregory & Carleen Mathiesen
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	Spiritual welfare of the extended family of Robert & Rebecca Downs
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	Healing (from cancer) of Demaris Downs, requested by R. and R. Downs
Wednesday:	5:00 a.m.	Stephen & Leone Martell (deceased), requested by their son Dale Martell
Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For Robert Downs' intentions, requested by Robert & Rebecca Downs
Friday:	5:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Rose Marie Nemeth
Saturday:	5:00 a.m.	<i>(Celebrant's intentions)</i>
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	For Patricia Harrison (Fr. Harrison's sister) on her birthday

Sunday Collection, January 10:	9:00 a.m.	\$505.00
	11:00 a.m.	\$95.00

Readings for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (pp. 536-537): This year the post-conciliar liturgy gives us what might be called a complete "Epiphany Cycle". On the last two Sundays we've celebrated the visit of the Magi and the Baptism of the Lord respectively; today's Gospel recounts the final event celebrated by the ancient Church as part of the Epiphany: the wedding at Cana, where our Lord's first miracle manifested his divine power to his disciples. In the first reading, Isaiah's prophecy recalls the profound spiritual symbolism based on marriage that runs through both Old and New Testaments: God chooses Israel as his bride, while the Church is the Bride of Christ. Today especially let us recall that marriage is all about begetting new life, not destroying it! As pro-lifers commemorate with sorrow and indignation this week the 40th anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, let us pray fervently that the Blessed Mother, who interceded with her Son at Cana, will intercede powerfully for an end to the slaughter of the unborn.

Special Collection for Flood Victims: As announced verbally last Sunday, we are taking up today an additional special collection requested from all parishes to help those who have suffered serious losses due to the recent floods here in Missouri. Thanks for your compassion for these brethren!

Abp. Carlson Promotes Covenant Network: His message: "Having a Catholic radio station in our community is a tremendous blessing. . . . It's an easy way to learn our faith and deepen our relationship with Christ." Today, in our Mindszenty Hall after both Masses, a representative of Covenant Network will be available to distribute *free* materials to assist in evangelization: attractive booklets explaining various aspects of our Catholic faith, as well as free subscriptions to the Covenant e-letter, and stickers promoting the Faith for windshields. Please drop in at the Hall after Mass and take some!

St. Louis Review Subscriptions: Today is the annual day for renewing subscriptions to our fine archdiocesan newspaper. *Review* readers not only stay informed but contribute to the life of our St. Louis Catholic community. Effective living depends on effective communication!

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick parishioners, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Proserpi, and others who are suffering pain as advancing years take their toll.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference: Peabody Opera House, all day **Saturday, February 6th**. Great speakers as always, including St. Louis' Msgr. Eugene Morris and two dynamic converts to the Catholic faith. The focus will be on marriage and the family. The cost till Feb. 3rd is \$45, including lunch. Take home a flyer from the entrance and register online at www.catholicmenforchrist.org.

"Five First Saturdays" Presentation and Discussion: Starting February 6th we will be hosting a further series of five monthly sessions (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) presented mainly by our liturgical scholar Stan Metheny. This will be followed by a Rosary and 15 minute spiritual reflection given by the Dominican Brothers in the Church. More details to be announced. Contact Jim Hooper (618-741-9308).

'Mass Mob', March 20: On Palm Sunday our historic church will host many visitors as part of the "Mass Mob" program. You can help raise funds by baking a big batch of cookies to sell that day!

PRAYER FOR ST. MARY OF VICTORIES

Our heavenly Father, / long ago you inspired our German forefathers in the Faith / to raise this beautiful house of prayer and sacrifice / in honor of your Son's most holy Mother, / Our Lady of Victories. Your Providence then brought many Hungarians here / under the co-patronage of the holy King, Saint Stephen. / We humbly place before you today / the spiritual and temporal needs of our historic church / and its present-day community. / Grant us the grace to discern your holy will, / and to fulfill it zealously as faithful witnesses to the Gospel, / here in the old heart of our city, / for as long as it may please your Divine Majesty.

Saint Mary of Victories, *pray for us.*
Saint Stephen of Hungary, *pray for us.*

In the name of the Father, . . .