

The Story of the Order of Servites

The Order of Servites—formally known as the **Servants of Mary**—began in Florence, Italy in 1233, when seven merchants and friends felt called to deepen their devotion to the Blessed Mother. Tradition tells us that while praying together on the Feast of the Assumption, they experienced a vision of Mary inviting them to leave worldly life behind and dedicate themselves entirely to God.

Seeking solitude, they settled on Monte Senario, a rugged hill north of Florence. There, they embraced a life of prayer, simplicity, and service, wearing a black habit and following the Rule of St. Augustine. Their mission centered on honoring Mary, especially in her sorrows at the foot of the Cross. The Servite Order grew quickly across Europe, survived periods of suppression, and eventually received full papal approval in 1304. Over the centuries, Servite friars became known for preaching, teaching, and fostering devotion to the **Seven Sorrows of Mary**. Saints such as Philip Benizi and Peregrine Laziosi helped shape the order's spiritual legacy, and today Servites continue their ministry around the world. Their feast—**The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**—is celebrated each year on **February 17**.

Preparing for Lent



The holy season of Lent soon approaches. The faithful are urged to prepare by a serious examination of conscience, timely confession, and firm resolutions of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Let us enter these sacred days with recollection and penance, that we may worthily follow Our Lord in His Passion and be made ready for the joys of Easter.

February Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For an end to human trafficking and for the rescue and healing of its victims.

Holy Father: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Jeff Yuratovich Penny Nelson Gabby Wiles Melody Blakley	Art McGuire Muriel Broce John Cox	Barb Spencer Richard Rothermich Daniel Childress † Dixie Berger	Brooks Moore Kerry Cole † Jim Dunseath † Margaret Hamilton	Quinlyn Marsh Maggie Parsons Rob Beck Alexis Mirakian
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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

BLESSED SACRAMENT FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY

Items to donate to the Food Pantry for February are canned fruit and veggies: corn, green beans, peaches, applesauce, etc. May **God Bless You** for your generosity in helping feed the hungry!



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

February 8, 2026

Saint Joseph	\$ 1,562.36
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 1,463.00
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$ NA
Mary Immaculate	\$ 3,986.50

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1728 Saint Joseph Street, Trenton MO 64683
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH, 606 Broadway Street, Princeton, MO 64673
BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1208 S 25th Street, Bethany, MO 64424
MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 409 South Main Street, Gallatin, MO 64640

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Mary Immaculate Parish, Gallatin

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Schedule

St. Joseph, Trenton: 8:30 am Sunday
 6:30 pm Tuesday
 9:00 am Friday
 9:00 am 1st Saturday of the month

Blessed Sacrament, Bethany: 4:30 pm Saturday
 5:30 pm Wednesday

Mary Immaculate, Gallatin: 10:30 am Sunday
 9:00 am Thursday

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Princeton: 1:30 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

CONFESSIONS

8:30 am 1st Saturday of the month at Trenton
 4:00 pm Saturday at Bethany
 8:00 am Sunday at Trenton
 10:00 am Sunday at Gallatin
 1:00 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays at Princeton
 5:20 pm Tuesday at Trenton

ROSARY

4:00 pm Saturday at Bethany
 8:00 am Sunday at Trenton
 1:00 pm 1st & 3rd Sundays at Princeton

ADORATION

5:15 pm with Benediction at 6:15 pm
 Confession at 5:20 pm; Mass at 6:30 pm
 every Tuesday at Trenton

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sun Feb 15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thur Feb 19	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Sat 02/14 4:30 pm BS	David Coates	9:00 am MI	Talia Lorenzon
Sun 02/15 8:30 am SJ	Zachary John	Fri Feb 20 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	
10:30 am MI	Sullivan Donohue	<i>Abstinence</i>	
1:30 pm IHM	Pro Populo*	9:00 am SJ	Abe Michael
Tue Feb 17 <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>		Sun Feb 22 <i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>	
6:30 pm SJ	Jazmyn Urich	Sat 02/21 4:30 pm BS	Sally Stamback
Wed Feb 18 <i>Ash Wednesday Fast & Abstinence</i>		Sun 02/22 8:30 am SJ	Ben Michael
9:00 am SJ	Brian Utter Family	10:30 am MI	Pro Populo*
4:30 pm BS	Joe & Sandy Hamilton	*Pro Populo = Mass said for the people of all 4 parishes.	
6:30 pm MI	† Martha Mitchell		

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Jim Dunseath, Rest in Peace

Our condolences to parishioner Melissa Renfro and family on the death of her father, Jim. He passed away on Tuesday, February 10th after a massive stroke on February 3rd. Funeral arrangements are pending for the end of the month. Please keep the family in your prayers!

Dixie Lee Berger, Rest in Peace

Our condolences to all the family of long time parishioner of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Dixie Berger. She passed away on Tuesday, February 3rd at the age of 90. Her funeral was last Saturday, February 7th with burial in Goshen Cemetery. Please keep the family in your prayers!

Ash Wednesday, Mass Schedule February 18, 2026

9:00 am ~ St. Joseph, Trenton
 4:30 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament, Bethany
 6:30 pm ~ Mary Immaculate, Gallatin

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on the following days throughout Lent:

Blessed Sacrament - Wednesday 5:00 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm
 Mary Immaculate — Thursday after 9:00 am Mass
 St. Joseph's — Friday after 9:00 am Mass

Thoughts on the Liturgy

Laws reflect a desire for Justice and order here on earth. Those who commit crimes are punished. Those who earn incomes are taxed by a proportional formula. Those who stand in the front of a line go before those at the end. Law maintains order for the sake of achieving greater justice. Our God is, indeed, "just," but God's justice is more than simple 'equity' enforced by rules. Jesus says, "You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgement. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Jesus gives respect to the letter of the law, but calls his followers to go beyond that duty, reflecting the culture of heaven. We barely know from watching earthly justice how heavenly grace works? We cannot settle for 'just enough' to be 'just' but must keep our eyes open for ways to perfect virtue, justice, and generosity.

The Word Among Us

"All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory" (2nd Cor. 3:18) What does it mean to "gaze" on Jesus' "glory"? It means to sit quietly, reading his word and pondering his goodness and love and power. It means to believe we are in his presence, even when we don't feel it. It means to still our hearts and our minds so that we can sense his voice, his word, speaking to us. "Gazing" on the Lord this way can help us put aside our everyday concerns and open us to experiencing his Spirit in our hearts. And anytime we sense the Spirit, our hearts change. Taken from Jeff Smith in The Word Among Us. **Pick up your free copy today to still your hearts during Lent.**

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

This year's Lenten book study centers on "*The Forgotten Way - The Saint James Master Plan*" by Matthew Kelly. Join fellow parishioners in person at Gallatin, or on Zoom, as Fr. Leete leads us through an interesting book about our spiritual growth. Books are available at the entrance of the Church.

If you can't join in person, please take home a copy to read on your own and join the book study via Zoom using this QR Code or by the Zoom link below or the link sent to your email:



[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 882 7283 0938

Passcode: 465010

The group will gather after 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall in Gallatin following the dates & schedule listed below:

- **February 22:** Chapters 1-8, pp. 1-31
- **March 8:** Chapters 9-16, pp. 32-75
- **March 22:** Chapters 17-22, pp. 76-108

The 6th Commandment Week 3 "You Shall Not Commit Adultery"

The 6th Commandment is God's warning about how adultery destroys what is good and enslaves those who are caught in its chains. Once someone is caught in adultery's vicious cycle of slavery and destruction, it is only through the grace of Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross, and a proper understanding of God's true plan for our bodies that one is restored to freedom.

The 6th Commandment calls us to the virtue of Chastity, the spiritual muscle to become a master of our minds, hearts, and our body. With God's grace and a full understanding of His plan for our body, we can freely choose authentic freedom and happiness over the chains of lust.

For a deeper understanding of the 6th Commandment, enroll in the **God's Recipe for a Wonderful Life study** of the Ten Commandments at <https://ifuloveme.org/register> by clicking your parish/school name in the list.

Prayer Intention for this Month
For the married members of our parish family. That their love be renewed through the example of Jesus's love for His bride, the Church.

Called By Name
SUNDAY
 January 31 and February 1, 2026
 Submission deadline: February 15, 2026

Do you know someone age 16 and over who may be called to priesthood or religious life?

There's still time to submit names!



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