

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Independence, Missouri on the occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary celebration to be held August 15, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 21371, August 14, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Sean E. Smith, Charlie Franklin, Donna Peyton, and DaRon McGee,
County Legislators

WHEREAS, in the year 1823, Saint Mary's Catholic Church was established in the heart of Independence, Missouri, as a testament to the enduring spirit of Catholic pioneers and missionaries; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Catholic Church proudly stands as the oldest parish within the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph, a storied institution that has navigated the currents of history with unwavering devotion; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Catholic Church has weathered uprisings among settlers of varying faiths, enduring raids by outlaws, and even standing resilient amidst the tumultuous trials of the Civil War; and,

WHEREAS, the founding settlers of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, in the face of adversities and challenges, demonstrated a remarkable steadfastness in their faith, laying the foundation for an enduring legacy of spiritual commitment and community unity; and,

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of the current location of Saint Mary's Catholic Church was placed in 1864, coinciding with the inaugural journey of the first train from Kansas City to Independence, carrying Fr. Bernard Donnelly, the parish's inaugural pastor; and,

WHEREAS, two hundred years later, Saint Mary's Catholic Church continues to grace the corner of College and Liberty Streets in Independence, Missouri with a historical marker identifying its rich past; and,

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's Catholic Church is a living embodiment of faith and community, under the guidance of its current pastor, Rev. Kendall Ketterlin, striving to create a future of hope, unity, and shared purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial Anniversary of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, will be opened on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2023, with a Mass celebrated by Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., followed by a dinner and presentation; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations to Saint Mary's Catholic Church on the joyous occasion of its Bicentennial Anniversary and extends best wishes on all of its future endeavors.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Bernskey

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21371 of August 14, 2023, was duly passed on August 14, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

8.14.2023

Date

Mary Jo Spino

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature