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Saturday: 4:00PM

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8:30AM — Monday

6:15AM — Tuesday

6:00PM — Wednesday

8:00AM — Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday

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1/2 hour before all Masses  
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We welcome you to the Cathedral of St.  
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1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2023

### This Week's Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 11

*Is 35:1-10...Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14...Lk 5:17-26*

8:30 AM Mass – Living & Deceased Members  
of the Cobb Family

#### Tuesday, December 12

*Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab...Jdt 13:18bcde, 19...*

*Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47*

6:15 AM Mass – No special intention scheduled

#### Wednesday, December 13

*Is 40:25-31...Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10...Mt 11:28-30*

6:00 PM Mass – Estina Wia +

#### Thursday, December 14

*Is 41:13-20...Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab...Mt 11:11-15*

8:00 AM Mass – Marge and Bob Sanders +

#### Friday, December 15

*Is 48:17-19...Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6...Mt 11:16-19*

8:00 AM Mass – Sage Family +

#### Saturday, December 16

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11...Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19...Mt 17:9a, 10-13*

8:00 AM Mass – Mary Ann Hurst +

4:00 PM Mass – Veronica Middaugh and Fisher  
and Huber Families +

#### Sunday, December 17

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11...Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54...1 Thes 5:16-24...*

*Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

8:30 AM Mass – Greg Knapp and Joan Knapp +

11:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

**An Important Reminder: With Christmas this year on a Monday, Catholics are obliged to participate at two Masses that weekend, one for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and another for Christmas.**

**Caroling and Cocoa:** Come join the Cathedral Legion of Mary as we carol through the neighborhoods of Cathedral and St. Mary. Come brighten others' spirits and brighten your own as well. Families are welcome! Nice singing voices are NOT required. Cathedral Caroling begins at 4 pm on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Meet in Ruggle Hall. St. Mary caroling begins at 4 pm on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet in their parish basement.

Grab an Angel Tree envelope and help our parish homebound feel loved this Christmas. Return donations in collection baskets or to parish office. Please stop by St. Anne's Room (next to Ruggle Hall) after the Masses on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> to pick up a bag/bags to deliver to a homebound or nursing home resident.

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually with little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to our second collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Thank you to all who have made a gift so far to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Remember that the ACA is a united effort by our parish families which supports ministries that serve and evangelize the people in our diocese. Your gift will form seminarians and deacons, evangelize, and share Christ's love through acts of kindness care for retired clergy, and protect God's most vulnerable – the hungry, homeless, elderly, unborn, sick, prisoner, and lonely. No gift is too small. Please prayerfully consider making your gift today.

### This Coming Week's Activities

#### Monday, December 11 (Adoration 9 AM – 12:45 PM)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Church  
8:30 AM Mass - Church  
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement  
3:15-5:00 PM Boys Basketball (Smith) – Gym  
5:00-7:30 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal - Church  
5:15-6:15 PM Girls Basketball (Eiberger) - Gym  
6:30-7:30 PM Girls Basketball (Limle) - Gym  
7:00 PM Legion of Mary – St. Anne's Room

#### Tuesday, December 12 (Adoration 8 AM – 1 PM)

6:15 AM Mass – Church  
1:00 PM School Christmas Program Rehearsal-Church  
3:45-7:00 PM Girls Volleyball (Libel) – Gym  
6:00 PM Decorate Church

#### Wednesday, December 13 (Adoration 8 AM-1 PM)

9:00 AM-12 noon Crafting Group – Rectory Basement  
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement  
1:00 PM School Christmas Program Rehearsal-Church  
4:30-6:00 PM Boys Basketball (Meierhoffer) - Gym  
5:20-5:50 PM Confessions – Church  
6:00 PM Mass - Church  
6:30 PM Advisory School Board-Msgr. Dierkes Rm  
7:00 PM St. Serra Apostolate – St. Anne's Room  
7:00-8:30 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church  
7:00 PM Rosary – livestream only

#### Thursday, December 14 (9 AM-12 Noon)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Church  
8:00 AM Mass – Church  
1:00 PM School Christmas Program Rehearsal - Church  
6:00 PM School Christmas Program - Church

#### Friday, December 15 (9 AM – 3 PM)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church  
8:00 AM All School Mass – Church  
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement  
12:00 Noon School Early Dismissal  
12:15 PM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
5:00-7:30 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal - Church

#### Saturday, December 16 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions  
8:00 AM Mass – Church  
2:30-3:50 PM Confessions – Church  
3:30 PM Rosary – Church  
4:00 PM Mass – Church  
After Mass Pop-up Baked Goods Sale – West Vestibule  
4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Church

#### Gaudete Sunday, December 17 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions – Church  
8:00 AM Rosary – Church  
8:30 AM Mass – Church & Livestream  
After Mass Pop-up Baked Goods Sale – West Vestibule  
After Mass Coffee, Milk, Donuts – Ruggle Hall  
10:00-11:00 AM School of Religion – St. Anne's Room  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary Church  
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
10:50-11:20 AM Confessions – Church  
11:30 AM Mass – Church  
After Mass Pop-up Baked Goods Sale – West Vestibule  
1:00-3:00 PM RCIA – Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Room  
3:00 PM Community Chorus Concert - Church  
4:00 PM Caroling at St. Mary's – Parish Basement  
7:00 PM Rosary – livestream only

#### Weekly Offertory Income

Monthly Budget Goal \$65,725

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick &amp; Poor</u>
Week 1	\$ 14,418.09	\$ 913.00

## Message from Deacon Joshua Fultz . . .

### Choose Now, Choose Well

This past week in my homily I spoke about the importance of watching and preparing for Christ to return. After hearing my homily, my good friend Dr. Tim Curry sent me an excerpt from C.S. Lewis' book "Mere Christianity." I couldn't help but think how perfectly this small piece of writing helps bring life to words of St. Paul we will hear in the second reading, "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

Of this C.S. Lewis writes, "Why is God landing in this enemy-occupied world in disguise and starting a sort of secret society to undermine the devil? Why is He not landing in force, invading it? Well, Christians think He is going to land in force; we do not know when. But we can guess why He is delaying. He wants to give us the chance of joining His side freely. God will invade. But I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. For this time it will be God with-out disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. That will not be the time for choosing: it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side."

So, as we enter this second week of Advent, let us each ponder that choice and do our actions reflect it. I think Paul says it best, "Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."

**St. Joseph Community Chorus "Christmas at the Cathedral"** Concert will be in our church on **Sun., Dec. 17 at 3 PM**, and **Mon., Dec. 18 at 7:30 PM**. Tickets will be available at the door or at [www.stjoechorus.org/tickets](http://www.stjoechorus.org/tickets). Adults \$15; Seniors \$13; Children free.

**Calling for Christmas Helpers to decorate our Cathedral:**  
**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6 pm to move trees to church, set-up back wall in sanctuary, trees in vestibule, windows, and choir loft. This will be in time for the Community Chorus and The SJCA Christmas Programs.  
**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9 am to help with trees, crib, and poinsettias.  
**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 9 am for whatever is left to do or if there are delays due to weather setbacks.

There is a team of ladies from Cathedral and St. Mary Church who are excited to be able to offer the women in our parishes an opportunity to experience "Welcome." This **Women's Retreat** is happening on **March 2-3**, here at Cathedral. Would you like to find more clarity and a deeper sense of purpose in your life? Would you like to form meaningful relationships with people in your parish who will take this two-day journey with you? Would you like to take a break, become recharged, and get a fresh perspective on your life? Contact **Melissa Pfister**, [mpfister0805@gmail.com](mailto:mpfister0805@gmail.com) or 816-351-3906, or **Maria Tabor**, [mariavig@hotmail.com](mailto:mariavig@hotmail.com) or 816-752-6812, for information or to register.

The St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations will meet on **Wednesday, December 13th**, in St. Anne's Room, following the 6:00 pm Mass. They will be having their drawing, and the winners will be contacted.

**Coram Deo** will meet on **Thursday, Dec. 14!** Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at 6:10 pm for Adoration, followed by pizza + the **Krug Park Christmas lights display!** Then join them on **Sat., Dec. 16**, for **Scripture Saturdays!** Join them for a home-cooked meal followed by a Scripture study using **Dr. Scott Hahn's Genesis to Jesus** program. Location TBD. Questions? Please contact **Ally Gabler** at [allygabler@gmail.com](mailto:allygabler@gmail.com). Follow Coram Deo on Instagram + Slack: [@coram\\_deo\\_sj](https://www.instagram.com/coram_deo_sj) Search "#coramdeo"

**Mir House of Prayer** needs adorers for: **Saturdays 1 am, 2 am, 4 am; Sundays 9 am; Tuesdays 11 pm; Thursdays 1 pm**. If you can help, please contact **Lisa Puett** at 816-279-4414.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Find information on the **April 5-7, 2024**, retreat at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or contact **Teresa O'Donnell**, [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com) or 816-679-4973.



### Cathedral and St Joseph Catholic Academy (SJCA)

- The Cathedral School Christmas Program will be on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 PM in our Cathedral. Please come and enjoy our students performing the music of the season.
- The **St. Gianna Early Childhood Center** needs two preschool teachers, a two-year-old teacher's aide, and an infant teacher. Contact **Amie Herrin** at [aherrin@cathedralsj.org](mailto:aherrin@cathedralsj.org) or call **Amie Herrin** or **Nancy Sample** at 816-233-9794.
- **Important SJCA dates:** Christmas break – schools will close half day on **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 2**; **St. Gianna Early Childhood Center** will be closed **Dec. 24, 25, and Jan. 2**; **SJCA** will have a **Professional Day** on **Jan. 2**; **SJCA** classes will resume on **Jan. 3**.
- **Question:** Would you rather pay taxes to the state or help fund a scholarship for a child to attend one of our Catholic campuses in St. Joseph? Want to learn how you can defer state dollars to the **Bright Futures Fund**? Visit [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org) for information.

### Christmas and New Year's Day Mass Schedule\*

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday, Dec. 23</b>	<b>4:00 PM - Cathedral</b> 4:00 PM - OLOG 5:30 PM - St. Mary
<b>Sunday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>8:30 AM - Cathedral</b> 10:00 AM - St. Mary 11:00 AM - OLOG

#### Christmas Masses

<b>Sunday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM - Pontifical and Mittens &amp; Socks with Bishop Johnston</b> 4:00 PM - OLOG 6:00 PM - St. Mary
<b>Monday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Midnight – Cathedral</b> 9:00 AM – OLOG 9:30 AM – Cathedral 10:00 AM - St. Mary

#### Mary Mother of God Masses (New Year's Day)

<b>Monday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM – Cathedral</b> 10:00 AM – OLOG 11:00 AM – St. Mary
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\*Confessions available ½ hour before each Mass

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*Saturday, Dec 16, 2023*

following

*4:00pm Mass,*

*Sunday, Dec 17, 2023*

following

*8:30am and 11:30am Masses*

in

**West Vestibule**

Accepting and Assembling Goodies, Friday, Dec 15th in Ruggle Hall school  
kitchen @3:30pm

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