

Welcome to Cathedral of St. Joseph

519 No. 10th St., St. Joseph, Missouri 64501

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH MISSION STATEMENT

*Cathedral of St. Joseph is dedicated to exceptional life-long faith formation through a Catholic community rich in tradition, fellowship and service to all.
Most Reverend James Johnston, Bishop*

PARISH STAFF

Priests:

Reverend Stephen Hansen, Pastor
Reverend Benjamin Fenlon, Parochial Vicar

Permanent Deacon:

Reverend Mr. Joshua Fultz

Parish Business Manager: Preston Rinne

Parish Office: Elenore Cobb
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Maintenance Manager: Ron Prawitz

Food Pantry: Joe Lysaght
Dominic CDeBaca

School Principal: Kent McEnaney

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**St. Gianna Early Childhood
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OFFICE

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Website:

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Hours:

Monday -

8:00AM-4:00PM

Tuesday - Friday -

9:00AM-4:00PM

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30AM — Monday

6:15AM — Tuesday

6:00PM — Wednesday

8:00AM — Thursday, Friday,
Saturday

CONFESSION

1/2 hour before all Masses
and on Saturdays beginning at
2:30PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

For Sacramental emergencies please call
816-205-6888.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious education for public school students
4 year old - 8th grade

SCHOOL OFFICE

816-232-8486

7:30AM-3:30PM - Monday-Friday

www.cathedralsj.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

816-233-9794

6:00AM-6:00PM — Monday-Friday

COFFEE & DONUTS

After the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday in the
lower level of church.

BAPTISM

Please make arrangements in advance by
calling the Parish Office.

WEDDING

Please contact the Parish Office one year
before the wedding date.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please contact the Parish Office if you are
hospitalized.

NEWCOMERS

We welcome you to the Cathedral of St.
Joseph. You may register at the Parish Office
or complete parish registration form at
www.cathedralsj.org under the contact tab.

SISTERS IN JESUS THE LORD

cjd@cjd.cc

When changing mailing or email addresses,
phone number, or leaving the parish,
please notify the Parish Office.

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 If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org.

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 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8

*Gn 3:9-15, 20...Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4...Eph 1:3-6, 11-12...
Lk 1:26-38*

8:30 AM Mass - Tom Jaynes +

6:00 PM Mass - Michael Stroud +

Tuesday, December 9

Is 40:1-11...Ps 96:1-2, 3, & 10ac, 11-12, 13...Mt 18:12-14

6:15 AM Mass - Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 10

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

6:00 PM Mass - Jerry Hoffelmeyer +

Thursday, December 11

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

8:00 AM Mass - Sandy Jacobs +

Friday, 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*

8:00 AM Mass - A Special Intention

Saturday, December 13

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

8:00 AM Mass - Terri Modlin +

4:00 PM Mass - Berkemeier/Beery Families +

Sunday, December 14

Is 35:1-6a, 10...Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10...Jas 5:7-10...Mt 11:2-11

8:30 AM Mass - Meierhoffer and Schiesl Families +

11:30 AM Mass - Michael Delaney +

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2) John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way of praying for your (future) spouse and children.

Advent is a perfect time to spend a prayerful hour in church during **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Look at **"This Coming Week's Activities"** for the Adoration hours. Remember that, on **Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 PM**, we have **"A Joyful Noise"**, which is an hour for parents to pray with and for their children in the main area of the church. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/RDQxqsu> or in the Adoration Chapel.

We know there are many demands on everyone's finances, and hard choices are made every day as to what can be contributed to at the present time. If you have not made a financial gift/pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, we hope you will be able to do so. Please remember that no contribution is too small, but everyone's participation is important. **Thank you** for your consideration.

We hope many of you have been able to participate in the **Novena to the Immaculate Conception** which will conclude on **Mon., Dec. 8th**, the **Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. Monday is a **Holyday of Obligation**, with Mass at **8:30 AM** and **6:00 PM** at Cathedral, and **12:00 Noon** at St. Mary Church.

Next weekend, Our second collection will be for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Donations provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Your financial assistance is greatly appreciated.

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 8 (No Adoration; Parish /School/ St. Gianna Center closed)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass - Cathedral

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

11:20-11:50 AM Confessions - St. Mary Church

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

5:30-6:30 PM PreK/1st Grade BB (Salanky) - Gym

6:00 PM Mass - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Tuesday, December 9 (Adoration 8 am-3 pm; Joyful Noise 2-3 pm)

6:15 AM Mass - Cathedral

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

6:00-7:00 PM BB Practice (Limle) - Gym

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Wednesday, December 10 (Adoration 8 am-6 pm)

9:00 AM-12 Noon Craft Group - Music Rm/Church Basement

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

5:00-6:30 PM 6th Gr. BB Practice (Pitts) - Gym

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

6:00 PM Mass - Cathedral

6:30 PM Advisory School Board Mtg-Msgr. Dierkes Rm

6:30 PM Men's Welcome Retreat Mtg-St. Anne's Room

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Thursday, December 11 (Adoration 9 am-1 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass - Cathedral

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

2:30 PM Parish Staff Meeting - Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Rm

5:30 PM Legacy Event Meeting - Ruggle Hall

6:30-7:30 PM 3rd Grade BB Practice (Parisoff) - Gym

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

7:30 PM BB Practice (Limle) - Gym

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Friday, December 12 (Adoration 9 am-3 pm)

Open Door Food Kitchen staffed by Cathedral Parishioners

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM All School Mass - Cathedral

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Saturday, December 13 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass - Cathedral

2:30-3:30 PM Confessions - Cathedral

3:30 PM Rosary - Cathedral

4:00 PM Mass - Cathedral

4:50-5:20 PM Confessions - St. Mary

5:00 PM Carpenter's Square Youth Group - RH

5:30 PM Mass - St. Mary Church

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Sunday, December 14 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass - Cathedral (also livestreamed)

After Mass Coffee and Donuts - Ruggle Hall

9:20-9:50 AM Confessions - St. Mary Church

9:45-10:45 AM Gr. K-6th Catechism Class - St. Anne's Room

10:00 AM Mass - St. Mary Church

10:50-11:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

11:30 AM Mass - Cathedral

1:00-3:00 PM OCIA Session - Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Rm30-

4:00 PM VB Practice (Pritt) - Gym

6:00 PM Gr. 7-8 Catechism Class - St. Anne's Room

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Weekly Offertory Income - Monthly Budget Goal \$67,000

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$13,770.25	\$ 2,245.00
Week 2	\$15,074.00	\$ 349.00
Week 3	\$ 9,350.25	\$ 120.00
Week 4	\$25,976.86	\$ 340.00
Week 5	\$11,483.50	\$ 333.00
Totals	\$75,654.84	\$ 3,387.00

A Message from Father Duc Nguyen

On this second Sunday of Advent, St. John the Baptist makes an appearance. This great prophet announces what is to come in the person of Jesus and warns all his listeners to repent and prepare for the arrival of the Messiah.

His message reflects the message of Isaiah from today's First Reading. Isaiah tells us that the stem that shoots from Jesse's stump demonstrates that even in the midst of failure and despair, God is still working, restoring hope to a crushed people, and bringing about justice and peace when we turn to Him and follow His ways.

Sometimes the most difficult voices to hear are the ones we need to listen to. St. John the Baptist didn't sweeten his message! Even his clothes and way of life spoke a lot about the condition of circumstances in this community. It was a serious situation that necessitated a challenging reaction.

Truth to be told, any age or year might be a desperate period. Sometimes our nation, our planet, or even our own personal lives appear to be crumbling apart, and we realize we have strayed away from God.

The feast of the Lord's birth, which we are currently preparing for, serves as a reminder that God will go to any length to deliver his message of love. Because that is what Isaiah was giving. That is what St. John the Baptist was delivering. And on Christmas, God is born in human flesh to guarantee us forever and always that God's love will remove all obstacles, including becoming one of us, so that we will know we are loved, forgiven, and saved by him.

Fr. Duc Nguyen

We have a parishioner who uses a walker and is not able to drive anymore. She really misses attending weekend Mass, and prays that someone from our parish will be able to step forward and give her a once-a-week ride to Mass. If more than one person/family would volunteer, they could take turns bringing her. If you are interested in helping this member of our parish family, please contact our **Parish Office** at 816-232-7763. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Please join us on **Dec. 15th**, following the **8:30 AM Mass**, to begin preparations for our Cathedral's Christmas decorations. We plan to work all morning. On **Dec. 16th**, at **6:00 PM**, we will pick up where we left off from the day before. On **Dec. 18th**, at **9:00 AM**, our poinsettias will arrive! Join me for a couple of hours if you have some time available to help prepare the flowers for decorating. On **Dec. 23rd**, at **9:00 AM**, we will arrange the flowers in the sanctuary area. Please help us wrap up the decorations for Christmas! Remember that no experience is needed but your help is! God Bless you during this Christmas Season - **Chris D., 816-294-7435**

Altar Society: If you weren't able to check out the **Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale** last weekend, mark your calendar for the ladies' next fundraiser: **Holiday Treat Tray and Last Minute Gift Ideas Sale** in the **West Vestibule** on **Dec 20th** after the **4:00 PM Mass**, and **Dec 21st** after the **8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses**!

Food Pantry: During the holiday season, when school is out and kids are home without access to school lunches, all food and support go a long way to helping our neighbors and friends. A few suggested items: canned chicken, tuna, or other meat; canned soups and stews; canned chili and chili beans; powdered or shelf stable milk; mac and cheese; pasta, ramen noodles, cup o' noodles; cereal, granola bars, breakfast foods; crackers and snacks; peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity as well as your prayers for our neighbors in need.

Coram Deo is meeting on **Thursday, December 11th**! Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 PM** for **Adoration** followed by a drive through **Krug Park's Christmas lights** display! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! If you have questions? Please contact **Ally Gabler** at allygabler@gmail.com.

Coram Deo's Moms' Group is meeting this **Tues., Dec. 9, at 9:30 AM**. Please reach out to **Ally Gabler** for the address. Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! See you there!

Cathedral School, St. Gianna Center, and SJCA News

- All the SJCA Schools will be closed on **Monday, December 8th**, as it is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.
- **Ravenous Ravens Night** at **Freddy's, 228 N. Belt Hwy**, on **Tues., Dec. 9th, 4:00-8:00 PM**. Show the Freddy's flyer when checking out, mention the fundraiser, or for online or mobile orders use promo code "GIVEBACK". Freddy's will contribute **15%** of event sales!
- **Bishop LeBlond High School** will host an **Open House** next **Sat., Dec. 13th, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM**, for all middle school students! Make plans to see what it's like to be an Eagle!
- **MOScholars Scholarship applications are open for the 2026-2027 school year!** There have been several changes in the program at both the state and diocesan levels. Following each step closely will help make the process smooth and successful. To begin the application process, please go online to: BrightFuturesFund.org and complete the Pre-Qualification Form. Please note that Siblings of 2025-2026 MOScholars recipients are now eligible to apply for the 2026-2027 school year as well. Also, you are invited to share this opportunity with your friends and family. This is a wonderful time to highlight the value of a Catholic education and to encourage prospective families – especially those new to Cathedral – to tour our campuses and experience the difference firsthand. Please contact our School Office at 816-232-8486 for assistance.

Sophia Spirituality Center: Guided Meditations (Zoom) – Monthly meditations on **Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am**. Time includes scripture reading, guided meditation, quiet reflection, sharing, and closing prayer. Register no later than one week before each session at sophiaspiritualitycenter.org Fee \$15 each:

Jan. 7 - Journey with the Magi; Feb. 4 - The Potter: Shaped and Re-shaped; March 4 - Desert Surrender; April 1 Salvation: Come Down from the Tree; May 6 Mother: "I Will Not Forget You"

Conception Abbey: The **Abbey Guest Center** offers silent retreats to focus on deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ through lectio divina, personal prayer, Scripture, Divine Office, and Sacraments. In 2026, **Men's retreats** are available beginning **Jan. 23-25**; **Women's Retreats** are available beginning **Jan. 16-18**. Contact **Conception Abbey** at communications@conception.edu or 660-944-3100.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Contact **Teresa O'Donnell** at 816-679-4973 or rvkcmo@gmail.com.



Angel Trees



This Advent, help spread Christmas cheer to the Cathedral homebound. Please take an envelope from one of the **Angel Trees** (in the west vestibule or by either transept door).

Envelopes can be returned with your cash donation in the collection basket, to the parish office, or the parish mailbox.

These donations will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the parish homebound, especially those in our local nursing homes. If you know of someone in particular who should be included to receive a gift, please contact the parish office with their name and contact details.

Thank you for sharing your gifts to spread Christmas Cheer! As always, a few volunteers who would be willing to deliver gifts the weekend before Christmas are needed. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.



The Carpenter's Square annual Christmas Party!

Who? All 5, 6, 7, and 8 graders!

What? Fellowship and fun!

When? Saturday, December 13

* 4pm Mass * 5pm-7pm Party

Where? Cathedral - Ruggle Hall

Bring? A dozen cookies to share

Wear? Your ugliest Christmas sweater!



