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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.

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

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For Sacramental emergencies please call 816-205-6888.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Religious education for public school students
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www.cathedralsj.org

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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

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

The Epiphany – January 4, 2026

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5

1 Jn 3:22-4:6..Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a..Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

8:30 AM Mass – Kasey Dawn +

Tuesday, January 6

1 Jn 4:7-10..Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8..Mk 6:34-44

6:15 AM Mass – Patty Culver +

Wednesday, January 7

1 Jn 4:11-18..Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13..Mk 6:45-52

6:00 PM Mass – Jerry Hoffelmeyer +

Thursday, January 8

1 Jn 4:19-5:4..Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bd, 17..Lk 4:14-22a

8:00 AM Mass – A Special Intention

Friday, January 9

1 Jn 5:5-13..Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20..Lk 5:12-16

8:00 AM Mass – Living Members of St. Anne's Altar Society

Saturday, January 10

1 Jn 5:14-21..Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b..Jn 3:22-30

8:00 AM Mass – Terri Modlin +

4:00 PM Mass – Wanda Barbosa +

Sunday, January 11

Is 42:1-4, 6-7..Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10..Acts 10:34-38..Mt 3:13-17

8:30 AM Mass – People of Cathedral and St. Mary Parishes

11:30 AM Mass – Robert Lee Anthony Davis and

Brother J. Richard Rush +

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." (Matthew 2:11) The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 800-246-1850, ext. 273.

Don't Forget: Tom Smith will give a free candlelight organ concert in our Cathedral this Sunday, January 4th, at 3:00 PM. Bring your families, friends, and neighbors. All are invited to attend.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this **Tuesday, Jan. 6th**. Sign up now for any **Monday-Friday** in January when classes are in session. Look at "**This Coming Week's Activities**" (in this bulletin) for each day's 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. (Of course, those without children are also welcomed.) Sign up on the paper in the Adoration Chapel (area behind the main altar), or online at <https://signup.com/go/RDQxqsu>. Please contact the **Parish Office** for assistance.

Mir House of Prayer is in **URGENT NEED** of regular adorers. Please help keep **MIR House** a **PERPETUAL adoration chapel!** If you are able to help, please contact mirhouseofprayer@gmail.com, Pat Castor at 816-262-2289, or Ellen Johnson at 816-383-0445.

We have a parishioner who uses a walker and cannot drive anymore. She has asked us for help in finding someone who would be able to give her a ride to weekend Masses. For more information or to volunteer, please contact our Parish Office, 816-232-7763. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you to all who have given to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. If you haven't had a chance to do so, please remember that no contribution is too small, but everyone's participation is important.

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

Offertory	Aged, Sick & Poor
Week 1	\$24,397.00
Week 2	\$12,830.50
Week 3	\$27,252.70
Week 4	\$18,188.01
Totals	\$82,668.21
	\$13,313.00

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, January 5 (No Adoration; School and St. Gianna Ctr 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
4:30-5:30 PM	BB Practice (Culver) - Gym
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Tuesday, January 6 (Adoration 8 am-3 pm; Joyful Noise Adoration 2-3 pm; No Mass at St. Mary's)

6:15 AM	Mass - Cathedral
5:15-7:30 PM	PTO Meeting - Ruggie Hall
6:30-7:30 PM	BB Practice (Limle) - Gym
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Wednesday, January 7 (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
11:20-11:50 AM	Confessions - St. Mary Church
12:00 Noon	Mass - St. Mary Church
4:15 PM	Bldgs & Grounds Mtg - Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Rm
5:20-5:50 PM	Confessions - Cathedral
5:30-9:00 PM	8 th Gr. VB Practice (Libel) - Gym
6:00 PM	Mass - Cathedral
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Thursday, January 8 (Adoration 9 am-1 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM	Confessions - Cathedral
8:00 AM	Mass - Cathedral
12:00 Noon	Mass - St. Mary Church
6:30-7:30 PM	BB Practice (Limle) - Gym
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Friday, January 9 (Adoration 9 am-3 pm)

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, January 10 (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
5:30 PM	Mass - St. Mary Church
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Sunday, January 11 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM	Confessions - Cathedral
8:30 AM	Mass - Cathedral (also livestreamed)
After Mass	Coffee and Donuts - Ruggie Hall
9:20-9:50 AM	Confessions - St. Mary Church
9:45-10:45 AM	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 Rm
8:00 PM	Rosary - livestream only

Welcome Retreats at Cathedral

Ladies: You are invited to join us on **March 7th-8th** for the next **Women's Welcome Retreat Weekend** here at **Cathedral**. You will have the opportunity to connect with other women in our Catholic community, to grow in your relationship with Jesus, and to become a better-version-of-yourself. For more information, contact **Melanie Francis, 816-351-8870**, or **Catherine Partamian, 816-641-0337**, or email CathedralWelcome@gmail.com.

Men: Please join us on **March 28th**, for the annual **Cathedral Men's Retreat**. The event begins on **March 28th** in **Ruggie Hall** at 7:30 am, and continues on **March 29th**, concluding with the 11:30 am Mass. This retreat is a fantastic opportunity to meet other men in our community and grow closer to Christ. Have questions or reserve your spot? Contact **Tom Roetto, 816-262-8706** or **Joe Wise, 636-628-7160**.

Dear Cathedral and St. Mary's parishioners,

We give thanks to the Lord for all the time that we were able to spend in St. Joseph this past year. Since we continue to come from our little monastery in Kansas City, Kansas, for about one week of mission per month, we've had the chance to enrich our relationships with the people here, including parishioners, priests, and the poor. Thank you for welcoming us as we seek to shine the light of the Gospel in this city by living out our mission of prayer and begging.

"What do the little sisters do all day in St. Joseph?" you may ask. The first and most important thing that we "do" is pray. Each morning, we rise before the sun and praise God by singing Psalms and hymns, proclaiming the daily Gospel, and adoring Jesus in the Eucharist. This is the foundation of our day, and of our entire lives, and the source of our joy. During adoration, we simply repeat the Gospel in the silence of our hearts, seeking to memorize it, verse by verse. It is only through this daily nourishment with God's Word that we are then able to offer Jesus' presence to the multitudes that we encounter. This long time of prayer, called the "Office of Readings," is the heartbeat of our life as consecrated religious. We pray in the morning, around noon, in the evening, and right before bed, interceding for the world and for those whom we meet.

The deep fulfillment we find in Jesus and His Word is too great for us to keep to ourselves, so we are compelled to share it with others. Around lunchtime, we go door to door not as preachers but as beggars and ask for something to eat. Following in the footsteps of Jesus' disciples, of St. Francis and St. Dominic, we rely completely on Divine Providence for our daily bread. Through this very simple act of begging, we seek to reveal to the people we encounter that God is begging for the love of each of His children. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me." (Rev 3:20) God is a beggar who knocks at the door of our hearts, that we may open ourselves to His mercy and to a faithful relationship with Him. The only treasure that we are able to share with those who provide for us is the Word that we keep in our hearts. "I urge you to continue to be nourished by the Word today," Bishop Johnston encouraged us. "That's the meal you share with them. You give them food for their soul."

Our mission allows us to witness, on a daily basis, the beauty of others' generosity, whether they give from their abundance or from the little that they have. Door after door, we discover the diverse face of St. Joseph, a city that gathers an array of countries, cultures, backgrounds, and life stories. To give you an example of our mission, three of us little sisters left the St. Mary's rectory at noon after adoration and began knocking on doors in a section of poor apartments. After receiving a plate of Thanksgiving leftovers at one apartment, we needed a place to sit down and eat, so we continued knocking. A young mother opened her door and welcomed us inside, her four children rushing to our sides to play. She invited us to sit around her kitchen table to eat what we had just received, and she began to share her journey of faith with us. "I was recently baptized. Jesus saved my life," she said with tears in her eyes. One of her sons interrupted her, saying, "I saved your life too, mom!" to which she responded, "Yes. You're right. I became pregnant with him when I was very young. I was going down the wrong path, but having him saved me because I had to take care of him." Her care for her children is a little light in this world, and what a great privilege to have witnessed it firsthand. Before leaving their apartment, we sang them a blessing, and the littlest girl blew kisses to us as we disappeared into the snow.

Simply walking the streets and eating at the food kitchen also allows us to get to know the poor and to share Jesus' presence with them. While eating at the Woodson Chapel's Monday night dinner, we sat down with a poor woman, who was very happy to share the meal with us. Later that week, we saw her again on the sidewalk as we headed back home from begging. When we called out her name, she couldn't believe it. She was overjoyed! "I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43:1) As little sisters, we too are overjoyed to offer Jesus' love to people through simple gestures.

Thank you for your support and friendship as we seek to serve and follow Jesus, the Lamb of God, in your diocese. We look forward to returning to St. Joseph on mission throughout this new year!

with our prayers,
the little sisters of the Lamb

Food Pantry: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors in need through the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Advent Can Wars, and other donations made this past year. As we begin the New Year, we pray for your ongoing support as the need for assistance remains great in our community. Your donations are always appreciated as well as your prayers. The **Food Pantry** is open **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30-11:00 AM in the Rectory Basement.** For your convenience, donations may be left at the church exits after **weekend Masses** or dropped off at the **Parish Office** during their regular hours, **Monday-Friday.**

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. **Coram Deo** is meeting on **Thursday, January 8th!** Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 PM** for **Adoration**, followed by an evening at **The Axe Factor!** 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., January 6th**, 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!

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.

Cathedral Parish News

- Many Blessings to **Kane Matthew Wells**, who was baptized on **December 28th**.
- Many Blessings to **Beau Alexander Franklin**, who was baptized on **December 28th**.

Cathedral School and SJCA News

- The **School** and **St. Gianna Center** will have a Professional Development Day on **Monday, Jan. 5th**. Classes will resume on **Tuesday, January 6th**.
- **MOScholars** (Missouri's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program) allows any individual or any business to redirect up to half of your state income tax liability to education at no cost to you. The **Bright Futures Fund** uses these purchased tax credits to provide over 412 million in scholarships for K-12 students at 57 Catholic schools in Missouri. You receive a 100% tax credit for the amount you reserved and paid when you file next year. Go to BrightFuturesFund.org or contact **Christy Gruenbaum** at **(816) 714-2338** or gruenbaum@diocesekcj.org for more details.

REBOOT is a high-energy, 2-hour event with internationally acclaimed speaker **Chris Stefanick** and will take place at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Church** on **Thursday, Feb. 26th, 6:00-8:30 PM**. This event "will awaken your faith, reignite your joy, and equip you with tools to live the life God created you for." All friends, family, and children (12+) are invited to attend. For more information and ticket information: <https://buylickets.at/reallifecatholic/1765331>.

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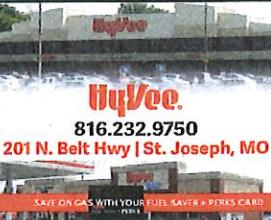
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