

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

8:00 AM Mass – Gertrude and Doyle Norris +

Tuesday, December 24

Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

3:00 PM Mass – Mittens and Socks Mass

5:00 PM Mass – Pontifical Mass with Bishop Johnston

Wednesday, December 25

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/

Lk 2:1-14 or Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2, 3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/

Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00 AM - Christmas Midnight Mass

10:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-50/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16ab and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

8:00 AM Mass – John Robertson +

Friday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a,2-8

8:00 AM Mass – Rudolph Siskey +

Saturday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

8:00 AM Mass – Gene Sanders +

4:00 PM Mass – Nathaniel Bernard +

Sunday, December 29

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3,4-5[cf.1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mass – John Patrick McKay +

Don't Forget your **Cathedral Cash**: Feel free to stop by after Masses in the west vestibule this weekend, **Dec. 21 & 22** to purchase what is available in the box (there will be extra cards on hand). There will be no ordering/distributing of cards after **Dec. 22** through **Jan. 6**. The first order to be placed in **January** will be on **Tues., Jan. 7**, when classes resume.

My dear Cathedral Friends, Thank you so much for your prayers and support during my bout with cancer. I know that they really have made a difference. We met with Dr. About Jawde this week, and he says that I am now in remission. More tests are scheduled in the future, but for now there is no more chemo or radiation scheduled.

With sincere gratitude, Mary Burgess

Parishioners: If you would like to make an additional contribution before the end of the year or want to catch up on your contributions, don't forget that next weekend is your last chance for 2019. Also, if you have any change in address, please notify the Parish Office, 232-7763, so that you can receive your end-of-the-year contribution statement.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

	Offertory	Aged, Sick & Poor
Week 1	\$ 8,329.00	\$ 884.00
Week 2	\$ 9,999.20	\$ 137.00
Week 3	<u>\$10,719.65</u>	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
Total	\$29,047.85	\$ 1,201.00

This Coming Week

Monday, December 23

School closed through January 6

No School of Religion Classes

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

Tuesday, December 24

Parish Office and Early Childhood Center closed

Wednesday, December 25

Parish Office, Food Pantry, and Early Childhood Center closed

Thursday, December 26

Early Childhood Center closed

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggle Hall

Friday, December 27

Early Childhood Center closed

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

Saturday, December 28

2:30 PM Confessions

3:30 PM Rosary

4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions

8:30 AM Mass

After Mass Coffee, Milk, and Donuts – Ruggle Hall

10:45 AM Glory & Praise Choir Rehearsal–Music Rm

11:00 AM Confessions

11:30 AM Mass

Father Hansen, Father Becker, Deacon Joshua Fultz, and the Parish, School, & Early Childhood Center Staffs wish you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas! May this be a special time for you, your families, and friends as we welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts and homes. May the Lord fill your lives with faith, joy, kindness, and peace as we come together to celebrate the feast of his birth.

Everyone is invited to **"A Cathedral Concert by Candlelight"** on **Sun., Jan. 5**, at **4:00 PM**, in our Cathedral. The beautiful organ music will be provided by **Tom Smith**, Cathedral Music Director Emeritus.

A Joyful Success! **Thank you** to everyone who donated Angel Tree Gifts for our elderly, homebound, and nursing home residents. A big thank you to our **Confirmation students** and their **parents** who delivered the gifts. **Thank you to Bill Carr** for making the chili and **Linda Gerhardt** who helped deliver gifts. A good time was had by all. Merry Christmas!

Don't forget: Men and ladies needed to finish cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas! Please meet in the church this **Sunday, Dec. 22**, at **5:00 PM** (Phase 2).

The **Parish Office** will be closed on **Tuesday, Dec. 24**, and **Wednesday, Dec. 25**. The **Food Pantry** will be closed on **Wednesday, Dec. 25**.

Thank you to Kitty Spafford, Paula Bokay, Leroy Davis, and these Altar Society ladies: **Linda Gerhardt, Kathy Hurst, Jeanne Modlin, Norma Moyer, Peggy Muehlbach, Joyloise Rau, Julie Schiermeyer, Deb Smith, Lee Stock, Alrita Wagner, Joyce Weight, and Denise Young**, for all their help in coordinating and hosting the Community Chorus receptions!

“Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.” (Ps 24)

Vicar’s Verba . . .

I was edified by the readings for Thursday, December 19. There are specific readings from December 17 through the morning of December 24, in preparation for Christmas. The first reading was Judges 13:2 – 7, 24 – 25a. It is the story of the mother of Samson. She was barren like Sarah, Abraham’s wife and Hannah, the mother of the Prophet Samuel. God was working through our ancient ancestors to reveal His deliverance amidst struggle. Sometimes there are wives who encounter difficulty conceiving; this is sometimes kept quiet and almost regarded as shameful. Yet, we see this theme echoed in Sacred Scripture. The Gospel for Thursday was Luke 1:5 – 25, the story of Elizabeth who also could not conceive. It was through prayer that these women were able to bring about life, great lives. As we go about our lives and encounter adversity, we can rest assured Our God loves to hear from us, the struggles we encounter, the things which make us pull our hair out, the people who give us opportunities to work on patience. God especially loves to hear when we tell Him thank you for all that He has provided for us. So, no matter the current battle, come to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, reveal to Him the inner thoughts and burdens we wrestle with. He wants to heal us and make us new. Jesus Christ honored all of the commandments of God; he lived a perfect life. The fourth commandment is to honor thy Father and Mother. Swing by the adoration chapel and offer up a rosary, tell God thank you for all of the wonderful things going on, let him take the heavy weights off your shoulders. Matthew 11:28 –30: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”¹ . . . God Bless, Fr. Becker

¹ [The Holy Bible](#), Revised Standard Version; Second Catholic Edition. (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006), Mt 11:28–30.

The **Food Pantry** is in need of empty small containers, empty water bottles, and plastic bags. Your generosity is appreciated.

If you missed the **Dream Event**, we will recap and build on our dreams. **Dynamic Parish Night** will be **Jan. 22 at 6:30 PM** and **Sat., Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM**. More details to come.

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, on **Sat., Jan. 18, 1:00-4:15 PM**, at the **Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gasper Way in Liberty**. Entitled “**Lighting the Way Together – Castles to Lighthouses**”, the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at **4:30 PM** with a free will offering to defray the program costs. For information or to RSVP, contact **Rich and Wendy Lorenz, wendyteach3@yahoo.com** by **January 10**.

Stewardship makes a difference... Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas trees and decorations for pantry patrons. You put a smile on many children’s faces.

CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral

- **Congratulations** to **Michael O’Banion**, Cathedral Class of 09, and **Allyson Presley Liday**, on the birth of their daughter, **Ivy Armani-Lynn O’Banion**, on **Dec. 10!**

School and ECC News

- **School** is closed through **Jan. 6** for Christmas Break. Classes resume on **Jan. 7**.
- **The Early Childhood Center** will be closed **Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., (Dec. 24-27)**, open **Dec. 30-31**, and closed **Jan. 1**. The ECC will reopen on **Jan. 2**.

The Catholic young adult group, **Coram Deo**, is meeting on **Friday, January 3**, for First Fridays! Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 PM** for Adoration + Reconciliation, followed by Mass at **7:00 PM**. Please eat beforehand. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. Hope to see you there! If questions, contact **Ally Goetz** at agoetz@olog.org.

AVOW is a Catholic women’s small group for heart-to-heart conversation and study about vocational discernment, structured in seven 90-minute sessions per semester. Join other young women (**high school junior - college senior**) to share the adventure of discernment on the first Sunday of the month. The first AVOW gathering will be **Sun., Jan. 5, at 7:00 PM**, in the **Bartlett Room at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**. Contact **Ally Goetz** at agoetz@olog.org with questions.

The Promise of Faith Retreat at Conception Abbey – Jan. 10-12. From creation to Abraham, the beginning of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) will be explored. These books will help you navigate the complexity of its tradition, and the impact on believing in the one God. You will learn to read these books with confidence and gain new insights for personal growth. Led by **Fr. Etienne Huard, OSB**. Contact **Abbey Guest Center** at **660-944-2809**, guests@conception.edu, or conceptionabbey.org/guests.

The **National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD)** is hosting their national conference “**Pastoral Week 2020: Bread of Life, Heart of Christ**” at **Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza** on **Jan. 9-13**. This is an amazing opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the Mid-West region to have access to national speakers so as to learn more about their Catholic faith, how to be active in the Church, and how to serve as missionary disciples to evangelize their deaf brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact: **VP 913-324-5378** or ncodmidwest3@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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 victim is currently under the age of 18)
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 Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org or 816-812-2500, 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 Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or Chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



To support our 8th graders going to the

March for Life!

Date: Sunday, January 5th, 2020

Time: 9:30-11:30 am

Where: Ruggle Hall

Price: \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids

Menu

Scrumptious Pancakes

Sizzlin' Sausage links

Juice, Coffee, Milk

*The 8th graders would truly appreciate your support
as they take a trip of a lifetime supporting a cause that is so close
to all of our hearts!*



Beacon on the Hill Thank you!

Fr. Hansen and the Beacon on the Hill Steering Committee are so thankful to all the wonderful families that have supported and pledged to the campaign. Healing the campus, especially with the Cathedral St. Gianna Early Childhood Center, would not be possible without you all; thank you!!!! Also, it's not too late to pledge! Any amount, no matter the amount, will make an impact. Thank you to the following families for contributing:

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