



*The Nativity of the Lord*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 23-24, 2023

### This Week's Mass Intentions at Cathedral

#### Monday, December 25

Day: *Is 52:7-1-10...Ps 98:98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6...Heb 1:1-6...Jn 1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

12:00 AM Midnight Mass for Nativity of the Lord  
9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass for Nativity of the Lord

#### Tuesday, December 26

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59...Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17...Mt 10:17-22*

9:00 AM Mass - Ruth Biller Athay, Mark Athay, and Fr. Andy Biller, S.V.D. +

#### Wednesday, December 27

*1 Jn 1:14...Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12...Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

6:00 PM Mass – Shirl Eteeyan +

#### Thursday, December 28

*1 Jn 1:5—2:2...Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8...Mt 2:13-18*

8:00 AM Mass – Souls in Purgatory

#### Friday, December 29

*1 Jn 2:3-11...Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6...Lk 2:22-35*

8:00 AM Mass – King and Kneib Families +

#### Saturday, December 30

*1 Jn 2:12-17...Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10...Lk 2:36-40*

8:00 AM Mass - Mickey Smith +  
4:00 PM Mass – Michael Conway Sr. +

#### Sunday, December 31

*Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3...Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9...Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19...Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40*

8:30 AM Mass – Knapp and Den Ouden Families +

11:30 AM Mass - People of the Parish

The *Rocking Chair Prophet*, a short novel by **Matthew Kelly**, is Cathedral's Christmas gift to you. There is nothing like a great story. It can awaken your soul to the great possibilities God yearns to share with you. This book is such a story. **Matthew Kelly** weaves an epic tapestry of meaning and wisdom for every season of life through the mysterious transformation of an ordinary named Daniel. Pick up your copy at one of the church exists or in the West Vestibule after the Christmas Masses.

The collection on **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** will be the last collection posted for 2023. Anything received in the collection basket and the Parish Office after that date will be posted for 2024.

### This Coming Week's Activities

#### (School Closed through Jan. 2 for Christmas Break)

#### Monday, December 25 (No Adoration – Campus Closed)

11:20-11:50 PM Confessions at Cathedral  
12:00 Midnight Midnight Mass at Cathedral  
8:20-8:50 AM Confessions at OLOG  
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass at OLOG  
8:50-9:20 AM Confessions at Cathedral  
9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass – Cathedral  
9:20-9:50 AM Confessions at St. Mary Church  
10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass – St. Mary Church

#### Tuesday, December 26 (No Adoration)

8:20-8:50 AM Confessions at Cathedral  
9:00 AM Mass at Cathedral  
3:30-5:30 PM Girls VB Practice (Libel) - Gym  
5:30-7:00 PM Boys Basketball (Meierhoffer) – Gym  
5:20-5:50 PM Confessions at OLOG  
6:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

#### Wednesday, December 27 (No Adoration)

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement  
11:20-11:50 AM Confessions at St. Mary Church  
12:00 Noon Mass at St. Mary Church  
5:20-5:50 PM Confessions at Cathedral  
6:00 PM Mass at Cathedral

#### Thursday, December 28 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions at Cathedral  
8:00 AM Mass at Cathedral  
11:20-11:50 AM Confessions at St. Mary Church  
12 Noon Mass at St. Mary Church  
4:30-6:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Basketball – Gym  
6:00-7:30 PM Boys Basketball (Meierhoffer) - Gym  
7:00-8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church

#### Friday, December 29 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church  
8:00 AM Mass – Church  
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement  
11:35 AM-12:05 PM Confessions at OLOG  
12:15 PM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

#### Saturday, December 30 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions at Cathedral  
8:00 AM Mass at Cathedral  
2:30-3:50 PM Confessions at Cathedral  
4:00 PM Mass at Cathedral  
3:20-3:50 PM Confessions at OLOG  
4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
4:50-5:20 PM Confessions at St. Mary Church  
5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary Church

#### Sunday, December 31 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions – Church  
8:00 AM Rosary at Cathedral  
8:30 AM Mass at Cathedral and livestream  
7:50-8:20 AM Confessions at OLOG  
8:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
9:20-9:50 AM Confessions at St. Mary Church  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary Church  
10:20-10:50 AM Confessions at OLOG  
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
10:50-11:20 AM Confessions at Cathedral  
11:30 AM Mass at Cathedral

*Father Hansen, Father Armentrout, Father Nguyen, Fr. Fenlon, Deacon Fultz, and the Parish Office, School, and St. Gianna Center Staff pray that you will have a safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year!*

<u>Schedule of Masses for Christmas and New Year's *</u>		
<u>Christmas Masses</u>		
<b>Sunday, Dec. 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM - Pontifical and Mittens &amp; Socks with Bishop Johnston (no Confessions before Mass)</b>	
	4:00 PM - OLOG	
	6:00 PM - St. Mary	
<b>Monday, Dec. 25</b>	<b>Midnight – Cathedral</b>	
	9:00 AM – OLOG	
	<b>9:30 AM – Cathedral</b>	
	10:00 AM - St. Mary	
<b><u>Mary Mother of God Masses (New Year's Day)</u></b>		
<b>Monday, Jan. 1</b>	<b>9:00 AM – Cathedral</b>	
	10:00 AM – OLOG	
	11:00 AM – St. Mary	
*Confessions available ½ hour before each Mass		
	<b><u>Offertory</u></b>	<b><u>Aged, Sick &amp; Poor</u></b>
Week 1	\$ 14,418.09	\$ 913.00
Week 2	\$ 13,672.00 (revised)	\$ 318.00 (revised)
Week 3	\$ 13,600.91	\$ 982.50
Totals	\$41,691.00	\$ 2,213.50

Merry Christmas!!!

This time every year we are used to hearing the first words of the *Gloria* in different Christmas hymns and at Mass. But it is worth remembering the words that follow! *And peace to people of good will...* This is the first promise of Christmas. It is the singular gift of Christ- his own abiding peace. A peace that comes from knowing that he is our God. A peace that comes from his taking on our human nature, becoming like us in all things except sin. And a peace that knows we are reconciled through Jesus to the Father. It is the very same peace that Jesus talks about just before the Last Supper when he gave the same flesh born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to his disciples in the Most Holy Eucharist: "My peace I give to you, my peace I leave you." (John 14:27).

May we all experience the peace of Christ more profoundly this Christmas!

Your Priests,  
Fr. Hansen, Fr. Nguyen, and Fr. Armentrout

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** On Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM, there will be a **Candlelight Concert** in our Cathedral featuring **Tom Smith**, the **Sisters in Jesus the Lord**, and others. It will be followed by a dinner in honor of **Tom Smith**, as a **thank you** for his many years of service and ongoing assistance to our Parish and community. All are invited to attend. More details will be coming soon

In case you missed the announcement last weekend: **Father Fenlon** is being assigned to Cathedral and St. Mary with the effective date of **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Fr. Armentrout** will be moving to the residence at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish** after the first of the year. His main apostolate/work will continue to be the full-time chaplain and teacher at **Bishop LeBlond High School**, and he will continue his canon law studies. He is not being assigned as pastor of OLOG. At this time, there is no change regarding the administration of **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**. **Father Hansen** will remain the **Parochial Administrator** of OLOG. Until further notice, our priests will continue to take care of the sacramental needs of **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish**. We plan on having a formal welcome to **Fr. Duc Nguyen** and **Father Fenlon**, and a "going away" thank you to **Fr. Armentrout** in **January**. We will provide more information as soon as the date is scheduled.

Thanks to all our **cookie and candy makers, preparers, sellers**, and our generous **parishioners** who supported us through buying/donating for our **Holiday Treat Tray Adoption Sale** last weekend. Your spirit of giving - \$1,575.00 - is so appreciated!

Thank you to **Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel** for the 2024 calendars they provided for us.

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 more information or to register.

**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 **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 are closed through **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**.
- Help fund a scholarship for a child to attend one of our Catholic campuses in St. Joseph. Learn how you can defer state dollars to the **Bright Futures Fund** at [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org).

**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 **Friday, January 5**, for **First Fridays!** Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 PM** for **Adoration + Reconciliation**, followed by **Mass** at **7:00 PM**. All young adults ages 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact **Ally Gabler** at [allygabler@gmail.com](mailto:allygabler@gmail.com). Follow Instagram + Slac

The **St. Joseph Serra Club** would like to thank everyone who participated in our raffle. The \$5,000.00 winner is **Charles Schurke**. The \$500.00 winner is **Bob Hausman**. The \$250.00 winner is **Holy Savior Catholic Church** in **Wichita, Kansas**. All proceeds help with promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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 victim is currently under the age of 18), and
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**, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankesj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankesj.org), 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 **Whitney True-Francis**, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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