# NATIVITY of the Lord

Cathedral / St. Joseph

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#### This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27

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

8:30 AM Mass – Cathy DeCosta +

Tuesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2...Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b8...Mt 2:13-18

6:15 AM Mass – Tom Duty +

Wednesday, December 29

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

6:00 PM Mass – Mel Ketter +

Thursday, December 30

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

8:00 AM Mass – Michael Conway Sr. +

Friday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21...Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13...Jn 1:1-18

8:00 AM Mass - Special Intention

Saturday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27...Ps 67:2, 3, 5, 6, 8...Gal 4:4-7Heb 1:1-2...

Lk 2:16-21

9:00 AM Mass - Shera Karsom (living)

4:00 PM Mass - World Peace

Sunday, January 2

Is 60:1-6...Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11, 12-13...Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6...

Mt 2:2...Mt 2:1-12

8:30 AM Mass – Joan Knapp +

11:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

Please pick up your free copy of Matthew Kelly's latest book "Life Is Messy" by the exits of church. This is a little gift from Cathedral to our parish families!

The *Christmas on Cathedral Hill CD*, is available for \$20 in the west vestibule after our weekend Masses, through the parish office, and at Blessings Catholic Bookstore. Please purchase a CD to enjoy the beautiful music of the season by our own Cathedral Choir and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bell Choir!

Parishioners: If you would like to make an additional contribution before the end of the year or want to catch up on your contributions, this weekend is your last chance for 2021. Also, if you have a change in address, please notify the Parish Office so you can receive your end-of-the-year contribution statement.

It's not too late to pledge/give a gift to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. So far, we have reached 80%, or \$30,874 received. If you have not made your commitment yet, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift is very important, regardless of the amount. We are striving for 100% participation. For more information on the impact of your support for the appeal, visit <a href="www.kcsj.catholicorg">www.kcsj.catholicorg</a>.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME		
Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00		
1	Offertory	Aged, Sick & Poor
Week 1	\$18,861.85	\$12,232.00
Week 2	\$12,698.00	\$ 383.00
Week 3	<b>\$24,208.70</b>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
Total	\$55,768.55	\$12,825.00

#### This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 27 - School closed until Jan. 4th

Parish Office and St. Gianna's Early Childhood Ctr closed

7:50-8:20 AM Confession 8:30 AM Mass – Church

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

Tuesday, December 28

6:15 AM Mass - Church

7:00 PM Rosary (live streamed only)

7:00 PM Legion of Mary – St. Anne's Room

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 AM-Noon Crafting Group – Rectory Basement 9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement 5:00-6:30 PM Basketball Practice (Smith) – Gym

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions – Church

6:00 PM Mass - Church

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday, December 30

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions 8:00 AM Mass - Church

6:00-7:30 PM Basketball Practice (Page) – Gym

7:00 PM Rosary (live streamed only)

Friday, December 31

Parish Office and St. Gianna Early Childhood Ctr closed

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church 8:00 AM Mass – Church

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

Saturday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:20-8:50 AM Confessions – Church 9:00 AM Mass – Church 2:30-3:50 PM Confessions – Church 3:30 PM Rosary - Church

4:00 PM Mass Sunday, January 2

8:00 AM Rosary - Church 7:50-8:20 AM Confessions – Church 8:30 AM Mass - Church

10:50-11:20 AM Confessions – Church
11:30 AM Mass - Church

7:00 PM Rosary – (live streamed only)

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses\*

Cathedral:

Saturday, January 1 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM Sunday, January 2 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM

St. Mary Church:

Saturday, January 1 5:30 PM Sunday, January 2 10:00 AM

\*Due to January 1st falling on a Saturday, the Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, we invite you to join us at Mass as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary.

There will not be Coffee/Milk/Donuts, School of Religion, RCIA or Confirmation Sessions until Sunday, January 9th.

# Father Hansen's message . . . Merry Christmas and Happy Solemnity of the Holy Family!

It's not too often we have these amazing Solemnities one day after the other! How appropriate to have them after the Year of St. Joseph and within Bishop Johnston's vision of "One Family | Journeying Together!"

Yes, as one family we tie to the Holy Family. The Holy Family (which we could call the trinity on earth) is only possible because of Christmas! God could have chosen to redeem us in any way, but he chose to send his only begotten son into the world, in a family!

As we continue to Come Home to Communion, after the many varying times away due to Covid-19... - I've seen big smiles and senses of relief in conversations. It is good to be home at Mass! But, one day we'll all be called to our eternal home heaven. The old saying that "Christ entered into time so we can enter into eternity" tells us the family that Jesus came into was to nurture him, teach him, provide for him... so he could die and rise, so we can live with him in eternity!

We too die to ourselves for our family. Moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas sacrifice in so many ways. Here at the Cathedral and St. Mary's we have the Cathedral School where so many sacrifices are made for the children. My little time here at the two parishes leaves me in awe seeing the talents shared to keep our campuses operating...

People, now, are asking how they can make them not just operating but BEAUTIFUL! I hope you're not offended with me making a request on this Christmas weekend. Some parishioners have suggested we extend phase one of the Beacon On The Hill campaign for an extra year. I've decided to pledge for a 4<sup>th</sup> year, same as I made each of the last three years (the original term of the campaign), in addition to my normal tithe portion. I hope you'll consider that too [just send us a note or email (ecobb@cathedralsj.org) indicating you're doing so]. These pledges would more than cover the \$290,000 we're still short in pledges and would push us forward in beautifying our campuses!!

Additionally, I've decided to "up" my gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal funds so many diocesan operations; please consider increasing your pledge to that, too! Remember, this year's CARES Act (which I wrote about in November) allows for 100% deduction for gifts to charities for those who itemize on their tax return. This may not be the case next year.

Thank you for joining us at the Cathedral and St. Mary's for Christmas and the Holy Family!! We're One Family – Journeying Together and our Savior who made this possible has been born!!!!!!

Thank you to all those who helped deliver the Angel Tree gifts last week! Our homebound parishioners greatly appreciated being remembered!

Thank you to the those who helped decorate our Cathedral for the Advent and Christmas Season! The church is beautiful!

Thank you to all those who had a photo taken or submitted a photo of your own to be included in Cathedral's directory. We would like to include photos of as many parishioners as possible. Therefore, we are still accepting photos through Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please bring/email/mail a photo of your own to the Parish Office so you will be eligible to receive a copy of the directory. Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 816-232-7763.

<u>Cathedral Cash</u>: Place your orders by 9 am on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> to have your cards ready by Thursday afternoon, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Cards also will be available for purchase after the weekend Masses on January 8/9. If you have questions, please contact Melanie Francis at <u>cathedralcash@cathedralsj.org</u> or 816-351-8870.

<u>Trash bags</u> will be sold again after the Jan. 8/9 weekend Masses. Also, Trash Bags will be sold in the Parish Office during regular business hours **Dec. 28-30**, after **Jan. 2**, and in the School Office again beginning **Jan. 4**th.

Coram Deo will meet on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, for First Fridays! Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at 6:10 pm for Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Mass at 7 pm. All young adults ages 22-35 are invited to attend. If you have any questions, contact Ally Goetz at goetz.ally@gmail.com.

# Check out the Good News of Cathedral

- Congratulations to Ashley Rich and Alex Bridges who were married here at Cathedral on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Many Blessings to Emma Sullivan who was baptized here at Cathedral on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### School and St. Gianna's ECC News

- THANK YOU to all of the School and St. Gianna families who donated to the Advent Can War for our Food Pantry! This year, we received over 4970 items! We appreciate your support and generosity in helping us provide groceries to those who are less fortunate!
- Cathedral's Mardi Gras is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1205 N. 49<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 7:00 PM. The live auction will begin at 8:00 PM. Ticket purchase and auction items due by January 25<sup>th</sup>. You can check out the ticket and sponsorship links at:

https://cathedralstjoseph.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list

- We need after school care staff M-F, 3:15-6:00 pm, beginning Tuesday, January 4. If interested, contact: https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/ 489183/Available-Positions/After-School-Care-Provider---Cathedral-of-St-Joseph
- St. Gianna Early Childhood Center needs Early Childhood Lead Teachers and multiple Early Childhood Aides (to work with any of the age groups). For more information, contact Lisa Puett at 816-233-9794, or Preston Rinne at 816-232-7763. Please submit a cover letter, an application, and resume through Indeed.com, Paylocity.com, or through the Diocesan website at kesjcatholic.org.



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