Mass Intentions Monday, December 30 Wis 18:14-15/1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Lk 2:36-40/ Jn 1:16 8:00 AM Mass - Michael Conway Sr. + **Tuesday, December 31** Is 9:5/1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18/1 Jn 4:9 8:00 AM Mass – David and Maggie Wyble Family 4:00 PM Mass – Vigil Mass for World Peace Wednesday, January 1- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Cf. Is 9:1, 5/Lk 1:33/Num 6:22-27(18 abc)/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7/ Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21 10:00 AM – World Peace Thursday, January 2 Cf, Sir 44:15, 14/Eph 4:1-7, 1113/Ps 23:1b-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 23:8-12/Cf. 1 Cor 1:23-24/ 8:00 AM Mass - John Robertson + Friday, January 3 Is 9:1/1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1. 3cd-4. 5-6/Jn 1:29-34/1 Jn 1:2 8:00 AM Mass - Arthur and Helen Roseler + Saturday, January 4 Cf. Rev 14:1-2 or Ps 24 (23):6/Ps 103:1bc-2, 3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 17-18a/Jn 6:51 8:00 AM Mass – Mike Kiscoan + 4:00 PM Mass – Berkemeier and Beery Families + Sunday, January 5 – Epiphany of the Lord Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12/Is 60:1-6 (20 abc)/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Ep 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:2/Mt 2:1-12/Cf. Mt 2:2 8:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish 11:30 AM Mass - George Horner +

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of: + Marjorie Brinton, a long time parishioner + Robert Maxwell, the husband of Alice Maxwell Please pray for Marjorie, Robert, and their families.

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 big **thank you** to **Michelle Wolfe** and **Jenna Wolfe** for helping with the sorting of the Angel Tree Gifts.

Thank you to Linda Gerhardt for providing treats to our School of Religion students.

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 <u>this weekend</u> 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		
Week 1	<u>Offertory</u> \$ 8,329.00	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u> \$ 884.00
Week 2 Week 3 Week 4 Total	\$ 9,999.20 \$10,719.65 <u>\$ 6473.52</u> \$35,521.37	\$ 137.00 \$ 180.00 <u>\$ 500.00</u> \$ 1,701.00

This Coming Week			
Monday, December 30			
School Closed			
No School of Religion Classes			
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement			
Tuesday, December 31			
School C	Closed		
Wednesday, Jan	uary 1		
Parish Office, Food Pantry, School, and ECC closed			
Thursday, January 2			
School Closed			
7:00 PM	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggle Hall		
Friday, January 3			
School Closed			
9:30-11:00 AM	Food Pantry - Rectory Basement		
Saturday, January 4			
2:30 PM	Confessions		
3:30 PM	Rosary		
4:00 PM	Mass		
Sunday, January 5			
8:00 AM	Rosary and Confessions		
8:30 AM	Mass		
9:30-11:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast – Ruggle Hall		
10:45 AM	Glory & Praise Choir Rehearsal-Music Rm		
11:00 AM	Confessions		
11:30 AM	Mass		
4:00 PM	Christmas Concert by Candlelight - Church		
4:15-6:15 PM	RCIA – Msgr. Dierkes Meeting Room		
5:00-8:00 PM	Religious Emblem Session – Ruggle Hall		
6:00-8:00 PM	Confirmation Session – School Kitchen		

Dynamic Parish Updates

Save the date for Dynamic Parish Night on Wed., Jan. 22 at 6:30 PM, with a second option on Saturday morning Jan. 25 at 9:00 AM. Stay tuned for more information.

Visit the Dream boards on the stair landings of the west vestibule. We learned from the Dream Event to log our dreams in 12 life categories. Take a journal and pen and start logging your dreams for yourself and the parish by writing 8-9 dreams per category to reach the 10 dream challenge. Category sheets are available on the table.

Be sure to take a copy of *"Rediscovering the Saints"* by Matthew Kelly available at all the exits. Get on for yourself and one to give away. We will be starting study groups on the book in the future.

Activating Our Baptism

All the faithful of our diocese are invited to participate in an online retreat to conclude our Diocesan Holy Year of Renewal. The retreat is free and includes daily scripture readings and a brief video reflection meditating on the meaning of our baptism and the diocesan priority "Growing God's Family". It will be available in both English and Spanish online, starting on Jan. 5 (for the Feast of the Epiphany) and concluding Jan. 11. Each day of the retreat will contain: a link to the scripture readings for the Mass of that day (USCCB); a short video reflection (5-10 minutes) on a topic related to the Mass readings and the theme for each day; short consideration (invitation to action) and questions for prayerful reflection; and prayer. Please sign up at www.kcsjcatholic.org/retreat so you can receive daily email reminders. It may be used in the home by individuals, families, and faith sharing groups.

A message from Father Hansen . . . Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family. For the first eight or so years of my priesthood, I was able to fly to Milwaukee and travel south to my hometown of Racine and be with my parents and six siblings and their families for Christmas. In fact, for many of those years we gathered in the home we grew up in as children (my sister and her husband then owned the house)...great memories. Now my home visit is in the spring or summer. My siblings and their families and I gather at a sister's house. I look so forward to it each year. In fact, it was from the family that I saw my possible vocation as a priest. I was in medical school, wanting to help families, when I was asked if I'd thought of being a priest. I recall reading a document on the family in the modern world by then Pope and now Saint, John Paul II. The document was called Familiaris *Consortio*, and in paragraph 21I reads:

"Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation. There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: Hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life. But, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion reestablished, unity restored. In particular, participation in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the banquet of the one body of Christ offers to the Christian family the grace and the responsibility of overcoming every division and of moving toward the fullness of communion willed by God, responding in this way to the ardent desire of the Lord: "that they may be one." [Jn. 17:21]"

The italics and bold are mine. May we see on this Solemnity of the Holy Family a call by God - the Father and the new-born Son in the manger - to forgive and be forgiven (in Confession) and be nourished in the Mass and the Eucharist like never before! Merry Christmas to you all, and Happy New Year!

The start of a new year brings with it the opportunity to begin anew in all aspects of our lives, including our relationships with God, our family and our friends. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is the perfect way to renew your love and commitment to each other. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to grow deeper love so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. The next weekend in the **Kansas City** area will be **Feb. 28-March 1**. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, contact **Tony & Barb Zimmerman**, <u>tonybarbz@prodigy.net</u>, **816-741-4066**, or <u>www.wwme4youandme.org</u>.

Stewardship makes a difference... Many thanks to everyone's generosity to Cathedral's Food Pantry through this holiday season. Just know our heavenly Father is smiling upon you thinking "Well done my good and faithful servants." Happy New Year!

CHECK THIS OUT ... The Good News of Cathedral

- **Congratulations** to **Melody Prawitz** for being named one of this year's **"Twenty Who Count"** by the St. Joseph News-Press for her years of dedication and hard work with the area Special Olympics!
- **Congratulations** to **Owen Jungbluth** for being named to the News-Press 2019 first soccer team!

School and ECC News

- School is closed through Monday, Jan. 6 for Christmas Break. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 7.
- The Early Childhood Center will be open on Dec. 30-31, and closed Jan. 1. The ECC will reopen on Jan. 2.
- Join us for the next **Ravenous Ravens** at **Taco John's** (2205 N. Belt Hwy) on Thurs., Jan. 16, 5:00-7:00 PM.
- The first order for *Cathedral Cash*, to be placed in **January**, will be on **Tues.**, **Jan.** 7, when classes resume.

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 <u>agoetz@olog.org</u>.

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 <u>agoetz@olog.org</u> with questions.

Encountering God's Mercy (A Silent Retreat) at **Conception Abbey – Jan. 17-19**. Explore the healing power of the mercy of God as recounted in the Gospel. You will be instructed in the practices of meditation and *Lectio Divina* and encouraged to spend time in prayer reflecting on where Jesus extends his mercy. You will be challenged to place yourself in an environment of silence so as to listen to God's voice. Please contact the **Abbey Guest Center** at **660-944-2809**, **guests@conception.edu**, or **conceptionabbey.org/guests**.

You can increase Priestly Vocations! Who will be the Priests who celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to our future generations? You can help answer that question by increasing the culture of vocations. There is a new **Serra Club** forming in **St. Joseph**. By becoming a member of the **Serra Club**, YOU can increase the culture of vocations in St. Joseph. To learn how **Serra Club** can increase the culture of vocations, please join us for a **Rosary** and **Serra Club** in formation meeting at **Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church** on **January 15**, at **6:00 PM** in **Summers Hall**.

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 5 9:30-11:30 AM in Ruggle Hall

Come enjoy scrumptious pancakes, sizzlin' sausage links, juice, milk, coffee, and support our 8th graders going to the March for Life in Washington DC in January! Price: \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids.