

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019**

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 – Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception

*Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38*

8:00 AM Mass – No special intention

Tuesday, December 10

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

8:00 AM Mass – No special intention

Wednesday, December 11

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

6:00 PM Mass – Berkemeier and Beery Families +

Thursday, December 12

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf.8]/Lk 1:5-25

8:00 AM Mass – John Robertson +

Friday, December 13

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

8:00 AM Mass – Charles Crotty Sr. +

Saturday, December 14

*Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a,
10-13*

8:00 AM Mass – Kias Bernard +

4:00 PM Mass – Sutura and Arculea Families +

Sunday, December 15

*Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11*

8:30 AM Mass – Paul Kerner +

11:30 AM Mass – People of the Parish

Volunteers are needed to help with the **Community Chorus concert reception** after each performance held at the Cathedral next **Sun., Dec. 15 (3:00 PM)** and **Mon., Dec. 16 (7:30 PM)**. Free admission to the concert is provided for our volunteers. If interested, please contact **Mary Burgess** at **344-2322** or **mcburgess@gmail.com** or **Margaret Lister** at **279-5378** or **Markl_66413@yahoo.com**.

Used Christmas Trees and decorations needed in the Cathedral Food Pantry to make sure every child has a tree. If you don't have a way to bring it to the Pantry, call **Kitty Spafford** at **232-7763** and she will pick it up.

Last day to order your **Cathedral Cash** cards for Christmas is **Tues., Dec. 17**. Feel free to stop by after Masses in the west vestibule on **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 between **Dec. 17** and **Jan. 6**. The first order to be placed in **January** will be on **Tues., Jan. 7**, when classes resume.

Our **second collection** this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, Religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

This Coming Week

Monday, December 9

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement
3:45-4:45 PM Coding Club – Ruggle Hall
5:30 PM Finance Committee–Msgr. Dierkes Rm
6:00- 6:50 PM School of Religion – Ruggle Hall
6:00 PM Community Chorus Rehearsal - Church
6:30-7:30 PM Pastoral Council – Msgr. Dierkes Rm

Tuesday, December 10

3:15-4:15 PM Grade 5 Bell Choir Rehearsal – Church
6:00 PM Decorating Church (Phase I)
6:00-7:00 PM Brownies Mtg (Hausman)-Ruggle Hall
7:00-8:30 PM Scouts – Gym

Wednesday, December 11

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement
5:00 PM Advisory School Bd–Msgr. Dierkes Rm

Thursday, December 12

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal – Ruggle Hall

Friday, December 13

8:00 AM All School Mass
9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

Saturday, December 14

2:30 PM Confessions
3:30 PM Rosary
4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Rosary and Confessions
8:30 AM Mass
After Mass Coffee, Milk, and Donuts – Ruggle Hall
11:00 AM Confessions
11:30 AM Mass
After Mass Deliver Angel Tree Gifts
3:00 PM Community Chorus Performance-Church
4:15-6:15 PM RCIA Session–Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Room
5:30-7:30 PM Confirmation Group at “The Haven”

We need you! If you forgot to return your **Angel Tree gift**, please drop it off at the **Parish Office** by **Wednesday, December 11**. We need you to help deliver our **Angel Tree gifts** to our homebound and nursing home parishioners! Help us spread Christmas cheer and do some caroling. We will meet next **Sunday, Dec. 15**, in **Ruggle Hall** following the **11:30 AM Mass**. Chili and cookies will be served before we head out. Everyone is welcome.

Men and ladies needed: It's time to begin decorating the church for Christmas! Please meet in the church on **Tues., Dec. 10, 6:00 PM** (Phase 1 – date changed, not Dec. 9), and **Sun., Dec. 22, 5:00 PM** (Phase 2).

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cathedral Directory photo event. Approximately 175 families had their pictures taken. All participating families will receive a copy of the new directory when it becomes available. A **special thank you** to our **volunteers** who served as hosts on photo days.

St. Joseph Community Chorus will present their **Christmas Concert** on **Sun., Dec. 15**, at **3:00 PM** in our **Cathedral**, and again on **Mon., Dec. 16**, at **7:30 PM**. Tickets available at the door.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$ 8,329.00	\$ 884.00

Father Hansen's message . . . Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. This weekend Deacon Josh Fultz will preach at the Masses I'm celebrant at; he does so every six weeks. He additionally preaches every six weeks for Fr. Becker. I'm grateful for this and for all Deacon and his wife do for the parish.

Tomorrow we'll celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It's moved to December 9th as the 8th falls on a Sunday (today). Although this year it's not a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States, you are all welcome to come, if your schedules permit, to the 8 am Mass. Three entries in the Catechism say this about the Solemnity:

487 What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ.

Mary's predestination

488 "God sent forth his Son", but to prepare a body for him, he wanted the free cooperation of a creature. For this, from all eternity, God chose for the mother of his Son a daughter of Israel, a young Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee, "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary".

The Father of mercies willed that the Incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life.

489 Throughout the Old Covenant, the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation, God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary "stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting, the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established."

I might mention, also, that at the Pro-Life Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - also known as Twin Spires - there will be a Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 10:45 am on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). There also will be Masses (in the Ordinary Form) at the Cathedral at 8:00 am and at St. Mary's at noon. Mary appeared in Mexico City in 1851 as the pregnant mother of Jesus. Sacrifices of children were being made at that time in Mexico. Pray for Life in a special way that day, even if you can't make one of the Masses.

Daughters of Isabella meeting on Tues., Dec. 10 at the **St. Francis Parish Center** with \$5 lunch served at noon. The State Regent will visit and install the officers. Also, a monetary collection will be taken up for the Catholic Food Pantries. Come to welcome the new State Regent.

Cursillo weekends at the **Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Independence: Feb. 20-23 (men); March 26-29 (women)**. Cursillo is a worldwide Catholic Church lay movement to help Christianize the world by living out what is fundamental to being a Christian in our everyday lives. This 3 day weekend is a short intense course in Christianity. Because each person's circumstances in life are different and each has a very unique relationship with God, the weekend is truly a personal experience. For information or registration, contact **Judy Newkirk, 816-807-7700** or jknewkirk65@gmail.com,

CHECK THIS OUT . . . The Good News of Cathedral

- **Happy Birthday** and **God's blessings** to **Leo Stock**, who celebrated his 90th birthday on **Friday, December 6!**
- **Congratulations** to and **God's blessings** on **Isabell Diane Wilson** who was baptized on **Sunday, December 1!**
- **Congratulations** to and **God's blessings** on **Calvin Scott Miles** who was baptized on **Sunday, December 1!**
- **Thanks** so much to **Will Stuck**, Cathedral Class of 89, for repairing one of the Cathedral Nativity shepherds with his amazing skill and expertise!

School and ECC News

- **Congratulations** to the following students on receiving November's Faithfulness Awards: **Giselle Thompson, Sophia Roetto, Griffin Pfister, Nash Bolda, Paxton Boyles, Lucy Evans, Natalie Roetto, Cole McEnaney, Ryder Mattox, Cali Hatcher, and Allison Welter.**
- Our School's **Christmas Concert** will be in **Church on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6:00 PM.**
- We are happy to announce that **Mr. Tom Smith** will be taking over the music program in Mrs. Stewart's absence for the second semester. Mr. Smith brings years of experience and currently teaches bell choir to our older students. We are thankful for Mrs. Stewart's dedication to Cathedral and for Mr. Smith's willingness to share his time and talents with our students.

The Catholic young adult group (age 22-35) for St. Joseph, **Coram Deo**, is meeting **Monday, Dec. 16**, for **Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet here at **Cathedral at 6:10 PM** for a walking rosary to **River Bluff Brewing**, where we will enjoy pizza, drinks, and fellowship. Please bring a few bucks in cash to help defray the cost of pizza, and don't forget your ID! Questions? Please contact **Ally Goetz** at agoetz@olog.org.

Finding the Sacred through Depression Retreat at **Sophia Spirituality Center (Atchison, KS)** on **Friday, Dec. 13, 7:00 PM-Saturday, Dec. 14, 3:30 PM.** **Sharon Highberger**, chaplain, grief counselor, spiritual director and author, shares an inspired pathway out of clinical depression. Explore the value of deepening spiritual practices to find new hope and discover your own path to the God of grace and compassion. Fee: \$140 includes retreat, a private room, and meals. Contact **913-360-6173** or www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

The Promise of Faith Retreat at **Conception Abbey** on **Jan. 10-12.** You will explore the beginning of the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) from creation to Abraham. You will learn to read these books with confidence and gain new insights for personal growth. Led by **Fr. Etienne Huard, OSB.** For more information/registration, contact the **Abbey Guest Center** at guests@conception.edu, conceptionabbey.org/guests, or **660-944-2809.**

Join the **Religious Ramblers** for a **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Nov. 2-11, 2020** (before Advent 2020). Visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. It's a trip you'll treasure the rest of your life! Discounts for those who sign up soon. Contact **Mark Wyble**, religiousramblers@gmail.com or **816-233-8427.**