

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2024

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 30

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

8:30 AM Mass – Michael Conway Sr. +

Tuesday December 31

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

No Mass today

Wednesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Nu 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lu 2:16-21

10:30 AM Mass – World Peace

Thursday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

8:00 AM Mass - Dennis Marcinko +

Friday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

8:00 AM Mass – All Living Members of the St. Anne's Altar Society

Saturday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10; PS 98:1, 7-8, 9; Heb 1:1-2; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM Mass – Estina Wia +

4:00 PM Mass - Deacon Steve Welsh +

Sunday, January 5

Is 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mat 2:1-12

8:30 AM Mass - Patty Culver +

11:30 AM Mass - People of Cathedral and St. Mary Parishes

Note the following schedule changes:

- Please refer to “*This Week's Mass Intentions*” and the “*Coming Week's Activities*” on this page for the Confessions and Mass Schedule for this week. There will not be a Mass on **Tuesday, December 31st**.
- There will be a **9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary Church** and a **10:30 AM Mass at Cathedral on Wednesday, January 1st (New Year's Day)**, which is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, and a **Holy Day of Obligation**.
- There will not be any **Catechism Class, Coffee and Donuts refreshments**, or **OCIA session on Sunday, December 29th**
- The **Parish Office** will be open on **Monday, December 30th**, but closed on **December 31st** and **January 1st**.
- The **Food Pantry** will be open on **Monday, December 30th** but will be closed on **Wednesday, January 1st**.
- The **St. Gianna Early Childhood Center** will be closed on **January 1st**.
- **No OCIA Session on Sunday, January 5.**

Reminder: The collection taken up this weekend, **December 28th29th**, will be the **last collection posted for 2024**. Anything received in the collection basket/Parish Office after this weekend will be posted for **2025**. If you have a change of address, please notify the **Parish Office at 816-232-7763** or ecobb@cathedralsj.org.

If you have not already completed and returned the **2025 Parish Stewardship Commitment Pledge Form**, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so. If you know of a service area not mentioned on the back of the form, please do not hesitate to list it, indicating your interest. Please note that no area of service in our parish was left off the list intentionally.

Weekly Offertory Income - Monthly Budget Goal \$65,725		
	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$10,681.25	\$ 874.00
Week 2	\$13,710.29	\$ 995.00
Week 3	\$18,848.00	\$ 440.00
Week 4	*	*
Totals	\$43,239.54	\$ 2,309.00
*Due to early printing deadline, totals will not be available until next weekend.		

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 30 (No Adoration - School Closed)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass – Cathedral

9:00 AM Finish Decorating Church - Cathedral

5:30-6:30 PM Basketball Practice (Tritten) - Gym

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Tuesday, December 31 (No Adoration – Parish Office and School Closed)

No Mass today

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Wednesday, January 1 (No Adoration – Parish Office/School/ Food Pantry/St. Gianna's Center Closed)

8:20-8:50 AM Confessions – St. Mary Church

9:00 AM Mass – St. Mary Church

9:50-10:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

10:30 AM Mass – Cathedral

9:50-10:20 AM Confessions – St. Mary Church

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass – St. Mary Church

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only

Thursday, January 2 (No Adoration – No School)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass – Cathedral

5:30-6:30 PM Pre-K Basketball Practice (Thrasher)-Gym

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Friday, January 3 (No Adoration – No School)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass – Cathedral

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

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Saturday, January 4 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass – Cathedral

2:30-3:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

3:30 PM Rosary - Cathedral

4:00 PM Mass – Cathedral

4:50-5:20 PM Confessions – St. Mary Church

5:30 PM Mass – St. Mary Church

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Sunday, January 5 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Rosary - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass – Cathedral (Mass also livestreamed)

9:20-9:50 AM Confessions – St. Mary Church

10:00 AM Mass - St. Mary Church

10:50-11:20 AM Confessions – Cathedral

11:30 AM Mass – Cathedral

4:00 PM Epiphany Organ Candlelight Concert-Cathedral

7:00-9:00 PM Women's Welcome Retreat Team - Convent

8:00 PM Rosary – Livestream only

On next **Sunday, January 5th**, there will be a **Candlelight Organ Concert** in our **Cathedral** featuring **Tom Smith**, our Interim Music Director. All are invited to attend. Please come to enjoy some beautiful music of the season.

Thank you to all the parishioners who made donations for this year's **Angel Tree project!** We were able to bring a smile and give a gift bag to ___ Cathedral homebound parishioners and other Catholics who are living in assisted living and nursing care facilities in our community! We exceeded the amount needed for ___ gifts, so were able to donate _\$___ to our **Food Pantry** on behalf of our Cathedral parishioners. These donations will help provide food for those in our area most in need of food assistance. **Thank you** to those who helped gather names of recipients for the Angel Tree gifts, to all the Cathedral School students who made Christmas Cards for the gift bags, and to those who delivered the **Angel Tree gifts!**

A Message from Father Benjamin Fenlon

Merry Christmas dear Cathedral and St. Mary's, and may you have a very happy New Year.

With the New Year come a lot of new starts, fresh desires, and uncertainties.

One thing, however, is certain, and it is that none of us will be keeping our New Year's resolutions! Yay!

Year after year, we make these dreamy, impossible resolutions, that vanish once the emotion of the New Year is gone, and the daily schedule starts bearing down on us again.

However, I want to suggest a wonderful resolution that we can all keep: sign up for one hour of Adoration a week in the MIR House of Prayer or at Cathedral.

Adoration does not drain our strengths, nor does it require us to do bizarre or difficult things. It is an hour of silent prayer, reflection, in the loving presence of your God, who loves you and cares for you.

Winter is harsh. Why not let your loving God warm your heart? Our Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for you, day and night, in the Sacred Host, to reignite your faith, rekindle your hope, and set ablaze your love.

Adoration is a normal, default thing for all Catholics. Sometimes we forget that. But St. John Paul II spent countless hours in adoration whilst he was Pope. Pope Benedict celebrated the most solemn Eucharistic events in Rome, one even involving over 10,000 priests (I was there). Pope Francis has asked and asked us, again and again, to have one 24 hour period of Adoration in each parish, at least once a year.

I once heard a testimony of a religious sister, who found her vocation after a friend told her "If you want something new to happen, start doing new things".

This New Year, if you have never tried, or committed to, Adoration... please consider this invitation. Maybe it's time to start doing something new!

Making Plans for the New Year?

Consider attending one of our Retreats:

A **MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT** will take place on **Sat., March 8** and **Sunday, March 9** (retreat wraps up with **Cathedral's 11:30 am Mass**). All men who have not attended a *Welcome Retreat* previously, or those who would like to attend again, are invited to join us in **March** to connect with other men in your parish/community, improve your prayer life, and/or just to take a break from your everyday life! If interested, please email welcomeretreat2@gmail.com or contact any of the following team members: **Dominic CDeBaca, Philip Eiberger, Joe Elliott, JW Jones, John Modlin, Rob Rau, Tom Roetto, Brian Schiermeyer, and Joe Wise.**

A **WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT** will take place here at Cathedral on **Sat., March 22** and **Sunday, March 23**. 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? If you have questions or would like to reserve your spot, please email us at CathedralWelcome@gmail.com, or contact **Melissa Pfister** at **816-351-3906**, or **Melanie Francis** at **816-351-8870**.

Sophia Spirituality Center: A Contemplative Retreat with **Julian of Norwich** (a 4-week Zoom series) on **Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:00-2:15 pm**. Join with others in learning about Julian of Norwich, an anchoress in the late 1300s, and her beautiful and timeless work, *Revelations of Divine Love*. For more information, contact the website www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org or **913-360-6173**.

The next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** will be held here at **Cathedral** on the last weekend of **April 2025**. These retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where people can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin healing. Information received is confidential. For details or to sign up for the retreats, please contact www.rachelsvineyard.org or call **Teresa O'Donnel** at **816-679-4973**.

The Good News of Cathedral

- **Many blessings to Oaklee Boswell, Rhett Keeney, and Gabriella Rodriguez**, who were baptized here at Cathedral on **Sunday, December 22nd**!
- **Many blessings** to our parishioner, **John Myers**, who will celebrate his **90th birthday** on **December 31st**!

SJCA, Cathedral School, and St. Gianna Center News

- Catholic families have looked to **St. Joseph Catholic Academy** schools for the development and formation of their children for generations. Inadequate and antiquated facilities are compromising the delivery of high-quality academic instruction, support for extracurriculars, and the development of faith for our scholars. Supporting **St. Joseph Catholic Academy** so these basic improvements to our schools can be made will ensure Catholic education exists for current scholars and those who will follow them. You are an important part of **St. Joseph Catholic Academy**, and we would like your input as we discern our future. We hope that you will take a few minutes to complete the survey now at: www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study.

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area. **Coram Deo** is meeting on **Friday, January 3**, for **First Fridays!** Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer for Adoration and Reconciliation**, followed by **Mass at 7pm**. All young adults, ages 22-35, are invited to attend. Questions? Contact **Ally Gabler** at allygabler@gmail.com.

Mount Olivet Cemetery's New Year's Schedule **New Year's Eve (Tuesday) December 31, 2024**

The cemetery offices will close at Noon.

No services may be scheduled after 11:00am

New Year's Day (Wednesday) January 1, 2025

The cemetery offices will be closed. No Services may be scheduled. The cemetery grounds will be open for families and friends to visit the graves of their loved ones.