

Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception

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

8:30 AM - Mass - Fr. Angelo Bartulica +

6:00 PM Mass - Pat Wells +

Tuesday December 10

Is 40:1-11...Ps 98:1-2, 3 and 10 ac, 11-12, 13...Mt 18:12-14

6:00 PM Mass - Mary Pepple +

Wednesday, December 11

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

6:00 PM Mass – Patty Culver +

Thursday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab...Jdt 13:18bcde, 19...

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

7:00 PM Mass – Ruth Biller Athay, Chuck Athay, Mark Athay,
Fr. Andy biller SVD, Mary (Biller) Searcy,
and Jerry Searcy +

Friday, December 13

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

8:00 AM All School Mass – Leo Stock +

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 - Estina Wia +

4:00 PM Mass - Charline Kessler +

Sunday, December 15

Zep 3:14-18a...Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6...Phil 4:4-7...Lk 3:10-18

8:30 AM Mass – Mary Ann Hurst +

11:30 AM Mass - Yusteta Manas +

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Patricia Wells, our long-time parishioner and mother of Kenneth Wells and mother-in-law of Jami Wells. Please pray for Pat and her family.

Please sign up for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** online at <https://signup.com/go/wRfJHpe>, on the paper sheet in the Adoration Chapel (area behind the altar), or contact our **Parish Office**. Please check the Adoration schedule (second column of this page).

This weekend, **Dec. 7th-8th**, our second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.

The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** will be celebrated on this **Monday, Dec. 9th** Masses at **Cathedral** will be at **8:30 am** (All School Mass) and at **6:00 PM**. **St. Mary Church** will have a **12:00 noon** Mass.

Our **Legion of Mary** invites you to the **Advent Bible Study** group on **Monday mornings** at **9:30 am** in the **Convent of the Sisters of Jesus the Lord**. Copies of the study format are available for personal use or groups meeting at other times/days. If you have questions, please contact **Jeanne Modlin, Lisa Sanders, Janet Smith, Virginia Victus**, or **Bryce** and **Carol Hunt**.

Thank you to the **70** families who have already made your gift to the **2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**. We currently have reached **98%** of our goal! We are reaching out to those who have not yet made a pledge or gift. Remember that every gift makes a difference, no matter of the amount of the gift or pledge. Please use your own envelope or one of the envelopes in the church pews (the parish office will mail it for you if you would like), or go online at www.kcsjatholic.org.

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 9 (Adoration 10:00 AM – 3 pm)

7:50-8:20 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 – 9:30 AM

All School Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Cathedral
Bible Study - Convent

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

9:30-11:00 AM

Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate

12:00 Noon

Conception – St. Mary Church

4:30-5:30 PM

Basketball Practice (Meierhoffer) - Gym

5:20-5:50 PM

Confessions – Cathedral

6:00 PM

Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate

Conception – Cathedral

Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Tuesday, December 10 (Adoration 1 pm – 3 pm)

9:00 AM – 1 PM

Decorate Church Environment - Cathedral

12:00 Noon

Mass – St. Mary Church

5:00-7:00 PM

BB Practice (Pitts) – Gym

5:00-9:00 PM

Community Chorus Rehearsal - Church

5:20-5:50 PM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 PM

Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Wednesday, December 11 (Adoration 9 am – 6 pm)

9:00 AM-12 Noon

Crafting Group Meeting – Rectory Basement

9:30-11:00 AM

Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

12:00 Noon

Mass – St. Mary Church

5:20-5:50 PM

Confessions – Cathedral

6:00 PM

Mass - Cathedral

6:30 PM

Advisory School Board – Msgr. Dierkes Rm

8:00 PM

Rosary – livestream only

Thursday, December 12 (Adoration 9 am – 3 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Mass - Cathedral

12:00 Noon

Mass – St. Mary Church

8:00 PM

Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Friday, December 13 (Adoration 9 am – 3 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM

Confessions – Cathedral

8:00 AM

Mass – Cathedral

9:30-11:00 AM

Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

11:00 AM

Open Door Food Pantry staffed by

Cathedral Volunteers

Community Chorus Rehearsal - Church

Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Saturday, December 14 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Mass – Cathedral

2:30-4:00 PM

MS Youth Group Christmas Party - RH

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, December 15 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Rosary - Cathedral

8:30 AM

Mass – Cathedral (Mass also livestreamed)

After Mass

Coffee/Milk/Donuts – Ruggle Hall

9:20-9:50 AM

Confessions – St. Mary Church

9:45-10:45 AM

Catechism Classes – St. Anne's Room

10:00 AM

Mass - St. Mary Church

10:50-11:20 AM

Confessions – Cathedral

11:30 AM

Mass - Cathedral

1:00-3:00 PM

OCIA Session – Rectory

3:00 PM

Christmas Caroling around St. Mary Church's

Neighbors followed by hot chocolate/cookies

Community Chorus Concert – Cathedral

followed by reception – Ruggle Hall

3:00 PM

Rosary – Livestream only

After Concert

8:00 PM

Weekly Offertory Income - Monthly Budget Goal \$65,725

Offertory

Aged, Sick & Poor

Week 1 \$10,681.25

\$874.00

Message from Deacon Joshua Fultz

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.” – St. Augustine

One of the most important emergency items you can carry with you on a hike is a compass. Its whole purpose is to orient you and get you headed in the right direction. That quote from St. Augustine is just that, a compass. St. Augustine recognized that our hearts are restless to the degree that we fail to orient all that we are towards God. The more restless your heart, the less you're pointing toward God and his will in your life.

During this preparatory season of Advent, it has been my goal to deepen my relationship with God through my prayer life. I am currently reading *“Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer”* by Dan Burke. Since we have started doing the online rosary daily, I have noticed other areas of my prayer life that aren't getting enough attention, and my heart has become restless. It's a type of hunger for God that calls out to my soul letting me know that I am not giving my relationship with God the proper nourishment it needs. Instead, I am basking in the junk-food of the world; TV, movies, and social media. Like most junk-food these things can be OK in moderation, but in excess they lead to spiritual rot.

So, in this first week of Advent, I have set my sights on **EXERCISING** my faith through **EXORCISING** the junk-food. I know a few of you are probably thinking, “Wait, this isn't Lent. We're getting ready for Christmas! We don't need to do all this Lent stuff!” While yes, we are getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it's important to remember that we're actually preparing for his second coming. The Gospel reading from Luke this weekend directly calls us all to prepare the way of the Lord. There is no better way to do that in your life than spending time with him in prayer, so that when he does come again, we will hear him call us by name.

Merry Christmas and please know that Mandy and I will be praying for God to bless each of you and your families this Christmas season!

— Dcn. Joshua Fultz

Please pick an envelope from one of the **Angel Trees** in church, and place a donation in the collection basket in the next two weeks. You also may drop the donation by the Parish Office. Any funds collected will be used to purchase small Christmas gifts for our Catholic homebound, assisted living, and nursing care residents in our area. Please notify the Parish Office if you know someone who should receive a gift, or if you would like to help deliver the Christmas gifts.

Our **Altar Society Holiday Treat Trays and Last-Minute Gift Ideas Sale** will be on **Dec. 21st** and **22nd** in our church's west vestibule after the weekend Masses. Please plan to check out what the ladies have for sale! Also, please let **Alrita** know if you can help on **Friday, Dec. 20th** to receive the baked goods and assemble the Holiday Trays. The helpers will meet at **2 pm** in the **Ruggie Hall School Kitchen**.

We need your help as we continue to decorate our Church for the Christmas Season. Please come on **Dec. 10th, 9 am-1 pm** and/or **Dec. 23rd, 9 am until finished**. Call **Chris Den Ouden, 816-294-7435**.

Coram Deo is meeting on **Thurs., Dec. 12th**, at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 pm** for Adoration, followed by the **Krug Park Christmas lights display**. All young adults, ages 22-35, are invited to attend. Also, **Coram Deo's Moms' Group** is meeting this **Tues., Dec. 10th**, at **9:00 am!** Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! Questions? Contact **Aly Gabler** at allygabler@gmail.com.

Serrans and their **spouses** will gather on **Dec. 10th** for their annual Christmas party at **Mir House of Prayer** for Benediction. They will then adjourn to **Deacon Nash's home** for our social time and preparation of Christmas gift bags for our 19 seminarians. These will be given to them at the annual **Christmas Party for Seminarians** on **Dec. 19th** at **St. Thomas Moore Parish in Kansas City**. We will resume our Serran monthly meetings in **January**.

St. James Parish in St. Joseph is seeking a **part-time Bookkeeper** to work **20-24 hours** per week under the supervision of the Pastor. Responsibilities include handling the details of the parish's budget, making financial transactions, keeping accurate records, and ensuring that payments are processed. The full job description and application are at <https://ksjccatholic.org/start/job-openings!>

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**.

JCA, Cathedral School, and St. Gianna Center News

- Place your **Cathedral Cash** gift cards order before **9 am on Tues., Dec. 17th**, to get them delivered on **Thurs., Dec. 19th**. The next order after the holidays will be on **Tues., Jan. 7th**.
- **Cathedral School** is partnering with **Country Cookies** for a fundraising campaign for the **8th Graders Legacy Project** and **Mystery Trip**. The fundraiser runs through this **Tues., Dec. 10th**. Purchase **Chocolate Chip Cookies**, \$15/dozen; **Sugar Cookies**, \$15/dozen; **1/2 Chocolate Chips** and **1/2 Sugar Cookies** \$15/dozen; **Deco Kits** with 6 cutouts, 3 round sugar, 2 icing bags, and 1 bag of sprinkles \$20/dozen. Pick up date is **Dec. 18th**. Payment is due when the order is placed, and may be submitted by **Venmo** to **Lindsay Phillips (@ljw6383)** or via **cash/check** to the **Cathedral School**
- Would your **child/grandchild/niece/nephew** enjoy getting a **personalized letter from Santa**? The **8th Graders** can help get a letter from Santa for each of them through **“Project Elf”**. Contact the **School Office** by **Dec. 13th** with **\$10** to cover the postage from Santa's house at the North Pole.
- **Cathedral School** has a **part-time Kitchen Worker Position** available in our **cafeteria**. This is a paid position. The employee will assist the cook and other cafeteria staff in food preparation, cafeteria setup, cleaning, and dishwashing. For more information or to apply, go to the diocesan website at: <https://recruiting.pavlocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2881148/Kitchen-Worker>.
- **Cathedral School: After School Care Provider**. This is a paid position. A candidate would be expected to be at Cathedral by **3:15 pm** and stay until the last child is picked up. We officially “close” at **6:00 pm**, but typically do not stay that long. Most days, you would be finished by **5:00 pm** and some days **5:30 pm**. (If this time frame isn't enough hours or if a candidate is interested in a few additional hours, we might be able to have them assist in a classroom at the last hour of the day.) The position pays minimum wage to start. The link for the job opening is: <https://recruiting.pavlocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/2858442/Extended-Care-Aide>.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin healing. Contact www.rachelsvineyard.org or **Teresa O'Donnell** at **816-679-4973**.

St. Joseph Community Chorus and **Fountain City Brass Band** will have a concert in our **Cathedral** on **Sunday, Dec. 15th** at **3 pm**, and on **Monday, Dec. 16th** at **7:30 pm**. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Thank you to **Heaton-Bowman-Smith & Sidenfaden Chapel** for providing 2025 Calendars for our parishioners. Parishioners may pick up a calendar from the side registers or in the west vestibule in church.

