



Merry
Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

The Nativity of the Lord – December 25, 2022

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26

*Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59...Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17...
Mt 10:27-22*

8:30 AM Mass – Living Members of St. Anne's Altar Society

Tuesday, December 27

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

6:15 AM Mass – Holy Apostles Seminary

Wednesday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2...Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8...MT 2:13-18

6:00 PM Mass – Mary Ann Reinert +

Thursday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11...Ps 98:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6...Lk 2:22-35

8:00 AM Mass – Stan Harris +

Friday, December 30

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17...Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5...

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8:00 AM Mass – Michael Conway Sr. +

Saturday, December 31

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

8:00 AM – Jean, Richard W., and Richard H. Snooks +

4:00 PM – New Year's Vigil Mass – Tim Schiesl +

Sunday, January 1

Nu 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8...Gal 4:4-7...Lk 2:16-21

10:00 AM – Mass - Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 26 (No Adoration)

Parish Office, Food Pantry, and St. Gianna ECC Center closed

School closed until Tuesday, January 4th

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Church

8:30 AM Mass - Church

2:30-3:30 PM 3rd Gr. Basketball Practice (Meierhoffer)– Gym

Tuesday, December 27 (No Adoration)

6:15 AM Mass – Church

5:00-6:30 PM 3rd Grade BB Practice (Meierhoffer)–Gym

Wednesday, December 28 (No Adoration)

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

4:00-5:00 PM Volleyball Practice (Phillips) - Gym

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions – Church

5:30-6:30 PM 5th Grade BB Practice (Eiberger) – Gym

5:30-6:00 PM Vespers - Church

6:00 PM Mass – Church

7:00 PM Rosary – live stream only

Thursday, December 29 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Church

8:00 AM Mass – Church

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

Friday, December 30 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Church

8:00 AM Mass – Church

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

Saturday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

7:30-8:00 AM Morning Prayer - Church

8:00 AM Mass - Church

3:20-3:50 PM Confessions – Church

4:00 PM New Year's Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9:20-9:50 AM Confessions – Church

10:00 AM New Year's Day Mass – Church

(also Mass live streamed)

7:00 PM Rosary - live stream only

Father Hansen, Father Armentrout, Deacon Joshua Fultz, and the Parish Office, School, and St. Gianna Center Staff pray that you will have a safe and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Wed., Jan. 4th. There is a sign-up sheet in the daily chapel in church for a date/time in January, or you may sign up online at <https://signup.com/go/yeSjCojl>

Sales for the physical Cathedral Cash cards will resume after the weekend Masses on Jan. 8th. Orders will be placed on Tues., Jan. 10th by contacting Melanie Francis at cathedralcash@cathedralsj.org or 816-351-8870, or you may leave your orders in the school office or in the parish office by 9 am on Jan. 10th. Orders placed on Tuesdays will be ready on Thursday afternoons.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Cathedral

Dec. 31 – 4:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Jan. 1 - 10:00 am New Year's Day Mass

St. Mary Church

Dec. 31 – 4:00 pm New Year's Eve Mass

Jan. 1 - 10:00 am New Year's Day Mass

As the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Joyful in Hope," continues, we are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the 2023 ACA, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift or pledge amount that reflects your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with your fellow parishioners, will enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational, and human needs which covers 27 counties in Northern and Western Missouri. For information on the impact of your support for the appeal, visit www.kcsj.catholic.org.

Parishioners: If you would like to make an additional contribution before the end of the year or want to catch up on your contributions, **December 31st is your last chance for 2022.** Also, if you have a change in address, please notify the **Parish Office** at 816-232-7763 or ecobb@cathedralsj.org so you can receive your end-of-the-year contribution statement.

Weekly Offertory Income

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Aged, Sick & Poor</u>
Week 1	\$13,758.50	\$ 840.00
Week 2	\$18,203.00	\$ 565.00
Week 3	\$ 9,400.94	\$ 490.00
Totals	\$41,362.44	\$1,895.00

Due to the generosity of a benefactor, Cathedral now has access to **FORMED**, a Catholic online site which contains videos about our faith, Bible Studies, and numerous other resources for our parish and families. Every parishioner who has an email can enjoy this site, free of charge, through your computer, cell phone, Smart TV, and ROKU, Apple TV, Fire TV, and Chromecast. To sign up, visit the website formed.org/signup. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the **Parish Office** at 816-232-7763.

Poinsettia Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who supported our poinsettia service project and sales! In addition to the **124** poinsettias that were purchased for pick up, there were **72** poinsettias donated in memory of loved ones to decorate the Cathedral this Christmas. A special thank you to Penrod's Greenhouse of Kearney, MO who helped make this project a success! We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

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Merry Christmas!



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Christ, our Savior and King, is born! Come, let us adore Him!!!

If there were any disposition that ought to mark this time of the year, it would have to be Adoration! We place ourselves in the presence of God and spend time with Him in Adoration. We put before our minds the image of Mary, a lowly Virgin, giving birth to Christ. We recall the strength and tenderness of Joseph, who protected his wife and son amid the rage of a jealous King. We remember the Angelic hymn- *Gloria in Excelsis Deo!* We observe the silent adoration of the shepherds and the humility of the Eastern Kings! But above all, we recall that Jesus chose to become a Man. Who, although he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at; rather, He emptied Himself and took on our lowly human nature. This time of year is meant to spur us to a greater love and adoration of our Lord. Every day this Christmas season, let us spend a little time with Mary, Joseph, the angels, saints, kings and shepherds to adore our dear savior King! May our Adoration of our Lord help us grow as Christians in love of God, especially as he abides with us in the Eucharist, and in genuine charity towards our neighbor.

Know of our prayers that you and your family have a joyful and peaceful Christmas season and a happy New Year!

Fr. Hansen & Fr. Armentrout

Pick up your gift copy of *Holy Moments* by Matthew Kelly, located in the West Vestibule and at the side exits. Once you discover the joy of *Holy Moments*, you will want the people around you to experience that joy too. Nothing compares to the extraordinary gift of watching other people learn to collaborate with God and draw out the potential of their soul. *Holy Moments* will flood your life with meaning and divine purpose.

A special thank you to all who have donated to the Food Pantry, especially Van Am Tools, Target, Cathedral School's Advent Can Collection, St. Gianna Center, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and St. Mary's parish, and all our parishioners and anonymous donors; you have made an incredible difference for so many this Holiday season!

The Food Pantry is still collecting cold weather gear (i.e. coats, jackets, gloves, hats, etc.) to give to their patrons. Please drop them off at the Parish Office or leave at the exits of church. Thank you for your assistance in helping those in need.

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults (ages 22-35) in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The next meeting is on Fri., Jan. 6th for First Fridays! Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at 6:10 pm for Adoration + Reconciliation, followed by Mass at 7 pm. Questions? Contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

The Benedictines of Mary in Gower have a new CD, "*The Holy Trinity at Ephesus*." These are available at Blessings Catholic Book Store, 300 S. Belt Hwy.

Have you or a loved one experienced an abortion? Come to the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat on April 14-16, 2023. Contact Teresa O'Donnell at 816-679-4973, rvkcmo@gmail.com, or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Cathedral School News

Trash Bags can be purchased in Cathedral Parish Office, in the Cathedral School Office M-F (beginning again on January 4th) during regular hours, or after some of the weekend Masses at the Cathedral Cash table beginning again January 8th.

St. Joseph Catholic Academy (SJCA News)

- Thank you to all those who helped make the Faculty and Staff Christmas Party a success, especially the Knights of Columbus #5067, who provided their famous fried chicken dinner, and to Jeff Sullivan, who led the group in musical bingo as our DJ for the evening! Check out the fun in this month's newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3uX18JJ>
- Watch for Eagle Days coming up on January 12 and 18
- Academy campuses' classes resume January 4
- Winter Classic is January 26-28
- Save the date: February 1 – All Academy Mass

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, 816-812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



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