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8:00AM — Monday-Tuesday,  
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Saturday  
7:00AM — 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
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6:00PM — Wednesdays.

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Please contact the Parish Office if you are  
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We welcome you to the Cathedral of St.  
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Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30AM-3:00PM and  
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**When changing address or leaving the  
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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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)
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The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020

### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 14

*Num 24:2-7, 15-17...Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9...Mat 21:23-27*

8:00 AM Mass – No special intention scheduled

#### Tuesday, December 15

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13...Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23...Mat 21:28-32*

6:15 AM Mass – John Robertson +

#### Wednesday, December 16

*Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25...Ps 85:9-20, 11-12, 13-14...Lk 7:18-23*

6:00 PM Mass – Mary Ann Hurst +

(Mass also live-streamed)

#### Thursday, December 17

*Gen 49:2, 8-10...Ps 72:3-4, 7-8, 17...Mat 1:1-17*

8:00 AM Mass – In Thanksgiving

#### Friday, December 18

*Jer 23:5-8...Ps 72:1, 12-13, 18-19...Mat 1:18-24*

8:00 AM Mass – Bob Sanders +

(Mass also live-streamed)

#### Saturday, December 19

*Jud 13:2-7, 24-25A...Ps 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17...Lk 1:5-25*

9:00 AM Mass – No special intention scheduled

4:00 PM Mass – Members of Arculeo & Sutura Families +

#### Sunday, December 20

*2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-11, 16...Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29...*

*Lk 1:26-38*

8:30 AM Mass People of the Parish (Also live-streamed)

11:30 AM Mass – Davis and Rush Families +

Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/>  
to view live-streamed Masses & 7 PM Rosaries on Tues/Thurs/Sat.

There will be a **Confirmation** session on this **Sunday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 PM** in **Ruggle Hall**.

Please join us when we decorate our beautiful Cathedral for Christmas! We will gather on **Tues., Dec. 15, 6:00 PM**, and **Sun., Dec. 20, 1:00 PM** or until completed. Feel free to bring someone along – no previous experience necessary. We are grateful for your help and wish you a blessed Christmas.

... Chris Den Ouden

The **School Masses** this week for **K-Gr. 4** will be on **Thurs., Dec. 17 at 8 AM**, and on **Fri., Dec. 18 at 8 AM** for **Gr. 5-8**.

**Thank you to Betty Sutter**, for donating cookies for the School of Religion students!

**Thank you** to the 73 families who have contributed to the 2021 **Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Family...Walking Together in Faith."** We have received \$29,052 in pledges and contributions. We are trying to achieve 100% participation. So far, 81% of our families have made a contribution or pledge. You may send your contribution/pledge directly to the Diocesan Stewardship Office, place it in the collection basket at one of our weekend Masses, or drop it off at the Parish Office and we will mail it for you. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

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\$ 1807.00

### This Coming Week

#### Monday, December 14

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

8:00 AM Mass – Church

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

#### Tuesday, December 15

6:15 AM Mass – Church

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament-Church

6:00 PM Decorate Church for Christmas

#### Wednesday, December 16

8:00 AM-3:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament-Church

9:00 AM-12 noon Sewing Group – Rectory Basement

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

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions – Church

6:00 PM Mass – Church (also live-streamed)

#### Thursday, December 17

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

8:00 AM Mass for K-Grade 4 – Church

9:00 AM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament-Church

7:00 PM Boy Scouts – Gym

7:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

#### Friday, December 18

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

8:00 AM Mass for Grade 5-8 – Church

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament-Church

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

#### Saturday, December 19

8:20-8:50 AM Confessions – Church

9:00 AM Mass – Church

2:30-3:50 PM Confessions - Church

3:30 PM Rosary - Church

4:00 PM Mass – Church

7:00 PM Rosary (live-streamed)

#### Sunday, December 20

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Church

8:00 AM Rosary

8:30 AM Mass – Church (also live-streamed)

10:50-11:20 AM Confessions - Church

11:30 AM Mass – Church

1:00 PM Decorate Church for Christmas

A few individuals are needed for the **Cathedral Food Kitchen volunteer team**. We staff the St. Joseph Open Door Food Kitchen on the **second Friday of every month**. Please notify the **Parish Office** if you are interested, and 'De' DePastino or Marty Schnabel will contact you with more details.

The **St. Gianna Early Childhood Center** has an immediate opening for a full-time **Preschool Lead Teacher** position. The teacher fulfills the mission of the Catholic Church by planning, guiding and evaluating the learning process of the students. Please contact **Lisa Puett**, Child Care Director, at **233-9794** if you are interested in the position.

Cathedral is looking for a hard-working and reliable full-time person to hire as an additional **custodian** for our School and ECC in the **afternoons and evenings**. Part-time hours may be possible. Stop by the **Parish Office, Monday-Friday**, for an application and position description, or request information through [www.cathedralsj.org](http://www.cathedralsj.org) and click on "Contact" tab.

*“My soul rejoices in my God.” (Is 61:10b)*

**Message from Deacon Joshua Fultz . . . Learning to Embrace Joy**

The days are ticking away, closing in on Christmas. Some people are busy shopping, planning the perfect meal or the perfect family pajama party, calling all the relatives, and trying to figure out who's coming over or who's staying home. Some people are worried, trying to find a job, waiting for unemployment to kick in, whether or not they can buy gifts, or even where they will find their next meal. Busy or worried, they are continually being bombarded by the message that they need to be happy. They are poked and prodded by questions like, "what's wrong?" or statements like "quit being a grinch." It's a constant barrage of noise that we've all become accustomed to, and the steady ingraining of the notion that we are all supposed to seek what this world labels as happiness. If we peel back that label, we find out that the product they are selling really is pleasure. Our world loves to peddle pleasure. It's the biggest and best-selling product it has – because it doesn't last. Like mice chasing cheese, we sniff out the things that will bring us a moment of happiness. Soon that moment fades, and we wander back into the maze of the world to find a little more. You can see it in the grimaces on all the faces wandering the aisles in stores.

This weekend marks the Third Sunday in Advent; Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice! This is the Sunday of **GREAT JOY**, but what does that mean? Isn't joy the same thing as happiness? The quick answer is no, they aren't the same, but they are related.

Happiness can lead us to joy, but just like pleasure, happiness is fleeting. Joy, on the other hand, is sustainable no matter how you are feeling. Joy runs deeper than happiness; it pierces down into our souls. We experience joy when we achieve selflessness to the point of personal sacrifice. We feel joy when we are spiritually connected to God and people. Happiness is centered on the self, whereas joy is grounded in the idea that something is good for someone else. We have joy when we are acting towards the well-being of others. Even if we are immersed in suffering, this act of selfless giving will wash over us in the experience of joy. We see this perfected in Christ's gift to us on the cross. **Hebrews 12:2 "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross."**

It's Christ's gift that has been my joy through many challenging moments I have experienced in my life. Without this joy, I'm not sure I could have stayed sane. It's the knowledge that I can unite my suffering to His that helps me to carry those crosses. In those moments, my heart lifts because I have hope — I know that I have a savior that, no matter what, loves me and wants to help me carry this burden. I can look into the world and see His mighty hands at work and have joy, knowing that those same hands will lift me up. I may not smile, but I do feel that joy.

Sadly, we live in a world that no longer knows how to embrace joy because it was never taught how. Instead, we were taught to seek happiness to numb our suffering. This puts us on the road to failure. Eventually, the pleasure fails to numb the pain, and we're left with only despair and no way to cope. **We have to undo that brainwashing!** It might mean that every day you have to remind yourself that there is hope in Jesus Christ. It reminds me of a song I sang at church as a kid. We have to put that **"JOY, JOY, JOY DOWN IN OUR HEARTS! DOWN IN OUR HEARTS! DOWN IN OUR HEARTS TO STAY!"** That joy is found in a manger; it's found on the cross, and ultimately, it's found on the altar in the hands of our priests as they say, "Behold! The Lamb of God! Who takes away the sins of the world!" Sometimes, embracing joy means pressing that cross we're carrying right into the side of our face – knowing that Jesus is right there beside us, helping to carry the load.

**Cathedral** is seeking **after school child care staff** who are efficient and comfortable being a team member. Position available **Monday-Friday afternoons, 3:15-6 pm**; flexible schedules. **Requirements:** Background checks must be completed prior to start date; desire and ability to work with school-age children and act as a role model; Aptitude to work with a variety of children's personalities; Demonstrate leadership and control of small groups of children; knowledge of/ability to learn games to be played outside, in gym and indoors (board games, chess, etc.); familiarity with general homework assignments and proficiency to assist children on computer when needed; manage conflicts and resolution strategies with children, when appropriate; imperative to practice safety per policies and regulatory standards; essential training will be provided.

**Coram Deo**, the Catholic young adult group for **ages 22-35**, will meet on **Mon., Dec. 21, for Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet at **Cathedral at 6:10 PM** for a walking **Rosary to River Bluff Brewing**, where we will enjoy pizza and drinks! Any questions? Contact **Ally Goetz** at [goetz.ally@gmail.com](mailto:goetz.ally@gmail.com).

Please join the **Serra Club** for a **Rosary at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish on Wed., Dec. 16, at 6:00 PM** in **Marian Hall**. The Rosary will be led by their chaplain, **Fr. Malewski**, in **Marian Hall, followed by a meeting**. **Sister Connie Boulch, OSF**, from the Office of Consecrated Life, will be the speaker.

**Check It Out...The Good News of Cathedral**

- **Congratulations to Cheyenne Martinez and Ryan Schuh**, Cathedral Class of 2000, on the birth of **Liam Michael** on **Dec. 3!**
- **Congratulations to Baylee King and Tyler Garver**, Cathedral Class of 11, on the birth of **Paisley Rayne Garver**, on St. Nicholas Day, **Dec. 6!**

**Cathedral School** is seeking an energetic **PE teacher** for 2020-2021 school year. The teacher fulfills our mission by planning, guiding, and evaluating the learning process of students within the framework of the school's philosophy, organization, and curriculum. The teacher provides the appropriate learning atmosphere and activities designed to maximize student competencies and skills for intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual growth. The teacher has decision-making responsibilities in keeping with school policies and the Diocesan Administrative Manual. The position is hired and evaluated by the principal. **Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree in Education from an accredited university. Applicant must possess a valid Missouri teaching certificate (applicants working towards certification also will be considered. The applicant must pass a background check, be trained in Protecting God's Children, or be willing to be trained. If interested, please contact **Gerre Martin** at [gmartin@cathedralsj.org](mailto:gmartin@cathedralsj.org) or **816-232-8486**.

# *Poinsettia Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who supported our poinsettia service project and sales! In addition to the poinsettias that were purchased as gifts, there were **49** poinsettias donated in memory of loved ones to decorate the Cathedral this Christmas. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

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