

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race.

- In 1:3-4

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 20, 2020

### **Mass Intentions**

### Monday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a...Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21...

Lk 1:39-45

8:00 AM Mass – Monsignor Blacet +

Tuesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28...1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7...Lk 1:46-56

6:15 AM Mass - Patrick Schiesl +

Wednesday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24...Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14...Lk 1:57-66

6:00 PM Mass - Nathaniel Bernard +

(Mass also live-streamed)

Thursday, December 24

Is 62:1-5...Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29...Acts 13:16-17,

22-25...Mat 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

8:00 AM Mass – Marge Sanders + 3:00 PM Mittens and Socks Mass

(also live-streamed)

5:00 PM Pontifical Mass with Bishop Johnston

(also live-streamed)

Friday, December 25

Is 52:7-10...Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6...Heb 1:1-6...

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

(also live-streamed)

10:00 AM Mass (also live-streamed)

Saturday, December 26

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

Mt 10:17-22

8:00 AM Mass – Father Alexander Sinclair +

4:00 PM Mass - Maria Sutera +

Sunday, December 27

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3...Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9...

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19...Luk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

11:30 AM Mass - Patrick McKay +

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of:

 Marge Sanders, our long-time parishioner and former Cathedral Office Manager/Bookkeeper.

• Herman Seufert, our long-time parishioner.

Please keep Marge, Herman, and their families in your prayers.

Thank you to all you have contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Family...Walking Together in Faith." If you haven't made a donation/gift, there is still time to respond. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, every gift or pledge made to support the ACA is much needed and will be greatly appreciated.

**Parishioners**: If you would like to make an additional contribution before the end of the year or want to catch up on your contributions, don't forget that next weekend is your last chance for 2020. Also, if you have a change in address, please notify the **Parish Office**, 232-7763, so that you can receive your end-of-the-year contribution statement.

# WEEKLY OFFERTORY INCOME

Monthly Budget Goal \$63,917.00

 Offertory
 Aged, Sick & Poor

 Week 1
 \$17,035.50
 \$ 1,807.00

 Week 2
 \$13,165.50
 \$ 425.00

 Total
 \$30,201.00
 \$ 2,232.00

### This Coming Week

Monday, December 21 – School Closed until Jan. 5

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

8:00 AM Mass- Church

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement 7:00-8:30 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

Tuesday, December 22

6:15 AM Mass – Church

7:00 PM Rosary (live-streamed)

Wednesday, December 23

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

5:30-7:00 PM Confessions – Church

6:00 PM Mass – Church (also live-streamed) **Thursday, Dec. 24**-Parish Office/St. Gianna's Ctr closed

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church

8:00 AM Mass - Church

2:20-2:50 PM Confessions - Church

3:00 PM Mittens & Socks Mass – Church

4:20-4:50 PM Confessions - Church

5:00 PM Mass with Bishop Johnston - Church **Friday, Dec. 25-**Parish Office/Pantry/St. Gianna's Ctr closed

11:20-11:50 PM Confessions - Church 12:00 AM Midnight Mass - Church 9:20-9:50 AM Confessions - Church

10:00 AM Mass - Church

Saturday, December 26

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions – Church 8:00 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 27

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

Saturday morning Mass will now be at 8:00, not 9:00.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to the **Angel Tree** project! We were able to deliver to over 85 homebound or nursing home parishioners. Extra gift bags are available in the West vestibule. If you know someone who is homebound that did not receive a bag, please feel free to take one to them.

Join us as we continue to decorate Cathedral for Christmas! We will begin to gather on **Sun., Dec. 20**, at **12:00 PM** in **Ruggle Hall**. The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish in the least amount of time! Men needed too!

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. Application available in the **Parish Office** or request at **www.cathedralsj.org** and click on "Contact" tab.

Go to: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/">https://www.facebook.com/pg/CathedralStJoseph/videos/</a> to view live-streamed Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, and the Rosary recited on Tuesday and Saturday.

### "For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." (Ps 89)

### Message from Father Hansen . . .

This past week on one of my visits to the children in the school I was asked "what I wanted for Christmas?" The sixth grader was really interested. I paused and thought, privately, that I wanted an early Christmas present. That all parishioner went to confession before Christmas or during the Christmas Season (through Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>). This Wednesday, beginning at 5:30pm, we will have three priests hearing Confessions. At 6pm I will step out of my confessional for Mass and return after. We will be there until you are done with us or at 7pm, whichever is latest!

I had told the children that I went to Confession on Wednesday and listened to a meditation on Advent, and how Emmanuel means Christ with us. Whenever we are in the state of grace, Christ is with us. After confession, even for nonserious sins, more sanctifying grace is infused in us! That is a special thing about all the Sacraments. But Confession, one of the Sacraments, is available to us and during Advent can lead to a powerful Christmas! Please consider making a good Confession this Advent and/or Christmas Season! Also, consider giving the gift of a Mass for a deceased loved one or friend. Consider having a Mass said for each of your children, grandchildren, or for a friend. Just call the Parish Office at (816) 232-7763. You might even consider having the Mass scheduled on a date special to the person the Mass will be for, or at a Mass time that you, or that person, often go to...

Happy last days of Advent and have a Merry Christmas!

**St. Gianna Early Childhood Center** needs a full-time **Preschool Lead Teacher**. 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 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.

Grounds Crew Manager: Catholic Cemeteries is recruiting to fill a full-time Grounds Crew Manager position, at Mount Olivet in St. Joseph. This position will manage a crew responsible for ensuring the grounds and facilities are well maintained and that customer service issues are managed well. Includes benefits and paid time off. For more information, go to <a href="https://kcsicatholic.org/">https://kcsicatholic.org/</a>.

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! Our next event will be Wednesdays with the Word, held on Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>! Meet at St. Rose of Lima Parish at 6:10 pm for prayer and a scripture study. Any questions? Contact Ally Goetz at goetz.ally@gmail.com.

A few volunteers are needed to be on Cathedral's **Open Door Food Kitchen Team**. We staff the 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.

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

- Congratulations to Holley Crail, Cathedral Class of 99, on her marriage to Jarek Maring on December 7.
- Congratulations to Ryan Walker, Cathedral Class of 06 & LB Class of 10, on his marriage to Kasey Plonka on December 11!
- Congratulations to Michael, Cathedral Class of 07 and LB Class of 11, and Suzie Sanders Haynes, LB Class of 11, on the birth of Grady Arthur Haynes, on December 12.

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 or 816-232-8486.

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:

Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if victim is currently under the age of 18). Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911.

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 the Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at chastain@diocesekcsj.org or 816-392-0011 for more information.



# The shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Luke 2:12

# Christmas 2020

Merry Christmas from Fr. Stephen Hansen, Fr. Timothy Leete,
Deacon Joshua Fultz, Pius Nsoh-Awasom,
and the Staff of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, Dec. 21

7:20-7:50 am (before 8 am Mass)

Wednesday, Dec. 23

5:30-7:00 pm - We will have 2-3 priests available for private

confessions through the 6:00 PM Mass until at least 7:00 PM

AND, for 30 minutes before all Christmas and New Year's Masses!

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Thursday, Dec. 24

3:00 pm "Mittens and Socks" Mass

Children bring an article of new children's clothing to present to

the Baby Jesus at the Presentation of the Gifts

5:00 pm Pontifical Mass with Bishop Johnston and the Cathedral

Choir

Friday, Dec. 25

12:00 am Midnight Mass with the Glory and Praise Choir

10:00 am Mass

At St. Mary Church:

Thursday, Dec. 24

4:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 25

10:00 am

# MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S) MASSES

At St Mary Church:

Thursday, Dec. 31

4:00 pm

At Cathedral:

Friday, Jan. 1

10:00 am

\*The Christmas Masses will have additional seating in Ruggle Hall and in the Gym with live-streamed viewing and Communion will be brought to additional places. All the Masses at Cathedral and St. Mary's will be live-streamed.

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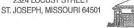


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