The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, January 13

Heb 1:1-6...Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9...Mk 1:14-20

8:30 AM Mass - Leo Stock +

Tuesday January 14

Heb 2:5-12...Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9...Mk 1:21-28

6:15 AM Mass – Fr. Michael Walker +

Wednesday, January 15

Heb 2:14-18...Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9...Mk 1:29-39

6:00 PM Mass – Deceased Members of the Kneib/King Families

Thursday, January 16

Heb 3:7-14...Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11...Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM Mass – Dennis Marcinko +

Friday, January 17

Heb 4:1-5, 11...Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8...Mk 2:1-12

8:00 AM Mass – Mary Ann Spratt +

Saturday, January 18

Heb 4:12-16...Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15...Mk 2:13-17

8:00 AM Mass – Patty Culver + 4:00 PM Mass - Charline Kessler +

Sunday, January 19

Is 62:1-5...Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10...1 Cor 12:4-11...Jn 2:1-11

8:30 AM Mass – Deceased Members of the Knapp and Cooper Families

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

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Terri Modlin, our parishioner, who passed away last week. Please pray for Terri, Pat, Jacob, Michael, and the rest of their family.

Note the following:

- Please refer to "This Week's Mass Intentions" and "The Coming Week's Activities" on this page for the Mass, Confession, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Schedule for this week. Please remember that there will not be Adoration if classes are not in session.
- Catechism Classes (9:45-10:45 AM), Coffee/Milk/Donuts (after 8:30 AM Mass), and the OCIA Session begins again this Sunday, January 12th.

Bishop Johnston and **Father Hansen** would like to extend a **thank you** to all who have taken the time to give a financial gift or pledge to the **2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Your generosity is a blessing. 83 families from our parish donated or made a pledge to this Appeal in the total amount of \$36,817, which is 128% of our goal. Cathedral has met our goal, so 50% above the goal amount will come back to our parish.

Our second collection next weekend, **January 18-19**, will be for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)**. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at **www.usccb.org/home-missions**.

The next RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT will be held here at Cathedral on April 25-27, 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 confidentially sign up for the retreat, please contact www.rachelsvineyard.org or Teresa O'Donnel at 816-679-4973.

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

 Offertory
 Aged, Sick & Poor

 Week 1
 \$12,945.00
 \$1,741.00

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, January 13 (Adoration 9 am - 3 pm)7:50-8:20 AMConfessions - Cathedral8:30 AMAll School Mass - Cathedral9:30-11:00 AMFood Pantry - Rectory Basement4:00-5:00 PMBook Club - St. Anne's Room5:30-6:30 PMBasketball Practice (Tritten) - Gym7:00 PMLegion of Mary - St. Anne's Room8:00 PMRosary - livestream only (when possible)

Tuesday, January 14 (Adoration 8 am – 3 pm)

6:15 AM Mass – Cathedral 12:00 Noon Mass – St. Mary Church

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

Wednesday, January 15 (Adoration 8 am – 6 pm) 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

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only **Thursday, January 16 (Adoration 9 am – 1 pm)**7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass – Cathedral

5:30-7:30 PM Basketball Practice (Meierhoffer) -Gym 6:00-7:30 PM Middle School Youth Group - Ruggle Hall 8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only (when possible)

Friday, January 17 (Adoration 9 am – 3 pm)
7:20-7:50 AM
8:00 AM
9:30-11:00 AM
Confessions – Cathedral
All School Mass – Cathedral
Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

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

Saturday, January 18 (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 19 (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 Class – 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 – Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Room 7:00-9:00 PM Women's Retreat Team Meeting - Convent

8:00 PM Rosary – Livestream only

<u>Save the Date</u>: February 11th at 5:00 PM – There will be a St. Anne's Altar Society Meeting to discuss distribution of November and December Fundraiser monies, and a St. Joseph Day Dinner/Table update and preparation. Call Alrita Wagner at 816-387-7145 if you have questions.

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. Coram Deo is meeting on Monday, January 27th, for Mondays on the Bluff! Meet at the Cathedral for a walking rosary, followed by pizza + drinks at River Bluff Brewing. All young adults, ages 22-35, are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com

A Message from Mother M. Stella CJD

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Baptism of the Lord! You have been in our thoughts and prayers as always during these joyful days. Christmas in Russia is unusual because nothing starts until close to New Year's, and then the Christmas season goes through January 19, the Baptism of the Lord on the old calendar. Of course, we celebrate Christmas on December 25 at our parish here, but for most Russians, it's a regular workday. The whole country is on vacation Dec 30-Jan 8. We have been spending these days especially with the Catholic students from Far Eastern Federal University: Christmas day Masses in Russian, Spanish and English, our annual Christmas party (50 students), showing of "It's a Wonderful Life" (first time for most), caroling at a mental hospital, ice skating and reflecting on the past year. This weekend is the Christmas festival of Christian choirs—a joint concert at our church with local Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist and Armenian Orthodox choirs.

From Sr. Joanna: Hello, everyone! I wanted to share with you the update about my vocation. As some of you already know, these last eight months have been a time of intense discernment for me. Throughout the years with the Sisters in Jesus the Lord, I have often wondered whether or not I am meant to live a more contemplative life. This year, after much prayer, I have come to believe that the Lord is truly calling me to pursue this. Although this decision has filled me with great peace, I will miss you all so much, and my sisters, too! I am returning to the US in February, and will visit St. Joseph sometime this spring or summer. If you wish to contact me, please write me at this email address: genesis18.14a@gmail.com.

From Mother Stella: Sister Faustina and I will be back in St. Joseph in mid-May, through the beginning of August. We look forward to being with you! For the immediate future, we will be in Russia again from mid-August 2025 until after Easter, 2026. We are working with Bishop Johnston and Father Hansen to discern the best use of our beautifully restored Cathedral convent during the school year 2025-26. You are in our daily prayers, and we are trusting in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers.

Men, it's not too early to consider attending the WELCOME RETREAT at Cathedral 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.

Ladies, Cathedral will have a WELCOME RETREAT on Saturday, 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 enjoy speakers, discussion, and prayer time with other ladies from your parish, or from other parishes in our community, 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 would like more information or would like to reserve your spot, please contact Melissa Pfister at 816-351-3906, Melanie Francis at 816-351-8870, or email us at CathedralWelcome@gmail.com.

SOPHIA SPIRITUALITY CENTER: Divine Harmonies – Exploring Spiritual Themes in Broadway Musicals (on-site) – Jan. 22-23, Wed. 6:30 PM-Thurs., 4:30 PM. Each year, thousands enjoy the magic of musicals, stories that linger through song and dance. Join them for a few days exploring classic musicals and discover their lessons on faith, morals, and our connection to God. Contact the Sophia Spirituality Center through 913-360-6173 or www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org.

The St. Francis Mr. and Mrs. Group is kicking off 2025 with a Valentine's Dinner and Music Bingo at the St. Francis Parish Center on Saturday, February 15th, at 6:00 p.m. All married couples are invited to join them for a night out. It is a great way to meet people in their parish and all the parishes in the city. For members there is a \$20 per couple cover charge. For guest couples the cost is \$50 per couple. Lasagna dinner, beer, wine, fellowship and fun are included. Dress is casual! Bring your Sweetheart and come join them! Please make a reservation at: mrandmrsstfrancis@gmail.com. Reservations are important so they can order food and have plenty of tables, so please let them know by Friday, February 7th, if at all possible.

Alumni Good News of Cathedral

 Congratulations to Morgan & Kyle Francis, Cathedral Class of 01 & LB Class of 05, on the birth of their son, Walker Lee Francis, on January 4th.

SJCA, Cathedral School, and St. Gianna Center News

- All 5th-8th graders are welcome to join the Middle School Youth Group! Public School, Home School, Private School, Cathedral students all are welcome to attend and bring a friend. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6-7:30 pm in Ruggle Hall, beginning Jan. 16th. For information or additional questions, email Beth Lukehart at beth_lukehart@yahoo.com or call/text her at 816-244-6859.
- All adults are invited to enjoy a fun evening on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at our Cathedral Trivia Night! Doors open at 5 pm in the gym...Trivia begins at 6 pm. You are welcome to come dressed in your favorite decade. Please bring your own food/drink. Cost is \$10/person. Proceeds will benefit the Cathedral School Technology Fund.
- The 2025 Prayer Breakfast will be held on Jan. 29th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr. and Lamar Hunt, Jr. are the featured speakers. Sponsorships and tickets are available now! The Prayer Breakfast is an opportunity for Catholic education supporters to come together to learn about the impact of the St. Joseph Catholic Academy and how our community can work together for our campuses to thrive. Get more information at www.stjoecatholicacademy.com.
- 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.

A Retrouvaille Weekend in Kansas City is scheduled for January 31st-February 2nd. For 47 years, Retrouvaille has helped heal almost 200,000 hurting marriages. Our program teaches practical communication techniques to bring understanding to your marriage, and a place of warmth and understanding in your home and family. For information: www.helpourmarriage.org or 800-470-2230.