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Monday -
8:00AM-4:00PM
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:30AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30AM — Monday
6:15AM — Tuesday
6:00PM — Wednesday
8:00AM — Thursday, Friday,
Saturday

CONFESSION

1/2 hour before all Masses
and on Saturdays beginning at
2:30PM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

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Please make arrangements in advance by
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WEDDING

Please contact the Parish Office one year
before the wedding date.

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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 If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org.

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 at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 1

Is 4:2-6...Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9...Mt 8:5-11

6:00 PM Mass – A Special Intention

Tuesday, December 2

Is 11:1-10...Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17...Lk 10:21-24

6:00 PM Mass – Shelley Ashby +

Wednesday, December 3

Is 25:6-10a...Ps 23:1-3, 3b-4, 5, 6...Mt 15:29-37

6:00 PM Mass – Jerry Hoffelmeyer +

Thursday, December 4

Is 26:1-6...Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 15-17...Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:00 PM Mass – Betty Sutter +

Friday, December 5

Is 17-24...Ps: 1, 4, 13-14...Mt 9:27-31

8:00 AM Mass – Living Members of St. Anne's Altar Society

6:00 PM Mass – Norma Moyer +

Saturday, December 6

Is 30:19-21, 23-26...Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6...Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:00 AM Mass – Leo Stock +

4:00 PM Mass – Deacon Steve Welsh +

Sunday, December 7

Is 11:1-10...Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17...Rom 15:4-9...Mt 3:1-12

8:30 AM Mass – Pat Wells +

11:30 AM Mass – Prawitz and Schott Families +

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42) God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 816-800-0115, ext. 273.

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, and a perfect time to spend a prayerful hour in church during **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Look at "This Coming Week's Activities" for this week's hours of Adoration. Don't forget that, on **Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 PM**, we will have "A Joyful Noise", which is an hour for parents to pray with and for their children in the main area of the church. Sign up for this week and **December** dates on the paper sheet in the **Adoration Chapel** or online at <https://signup.com/go/RDQxqsu>.

We are grateful to those who have already contributed to the **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**. To those who have not yet made a contribution, we hope you will be able to make a one-time financial gift or pledge to this diocesan appeal to help us make our goal. Please remember that no contribution is too small, but everyone's participation is important.

There will be a **Novena to the Immaculate Conception** on Nov. 30th – Dec. 8th. The Novena prayers will be provided in church. For those not able to attend, the prayers will be emailed before Nov. 30th so that you may participate from home. There will not be a morning Mass but will be a **6:00 PM Mass** on **Mon.-Wed.**, and **Mass at 7:00 PM** on **Thurs.** There will be an **8:00 AM All School Mass** and **6:00 PM Mass** on **Friday**. The Novena ends on **Mon., Dec. 8th**, which is a **Holyday of Obligation**, with Mass at **8:30 AM** and **6:00 PM** at **Cathedral**, and **12:00 Noon** at **St. Mary Church**.

Weekly Offertory Income - Monthly Budget Goal \$67,000

	Offertory	Aged, Sick & Poor
Week 1	\$13,770.25	\$ 2,245.00
Week 2	\$15,074.00	\$ 349.00
Week 3	\$ 9,350.25	\$ 120.00
Week 4	\$10,115.60	\$ 95.00
Week 5	<u>\$25,976.86</u>	<u>\$ 340.00</u>
Totals	\$74,286.96	\$ 3,149.00

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December 1 (Adoration 9 am-3 pm)

8:00-8:20 AM School Convocation - Cathedral

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

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

5:30-6:30 PM PreK/K/1st Grade BB (Salanky) - Gym

6:00 PM Mass and Novena Prayers - Cathedral

After Mass Volunteers Clean Church - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Tuesday, December 2 (Adoration 8 am-3 pm; Joyful Noise 2-3 pm)

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

5:15-7:30 PM PTO Meeting - Ruggle Hall

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

6:00 PM Mass and Novena Prayers - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Wednesday, December 3 (Adoration 8 am-6 pm)

9:00 AM-12 Noon Craft Group-Music Rm in Church Basement

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

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

5:00-6:30 PM 6th Gr. BB Practice (Pitts) - Gym

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

6:00 PM Mass and Novena Prayers - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Thursday, December 4 (Adoration 9 am-1 pm)

12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church

6:00 PM St. Gianna Ctr Christmas Program - Church

6:20-6:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

6:30-7:30 PM 3rd Grade BB Practice (Parisoff) - Gym

7:00 PM Mass and Novena Prayers - Church

8:00 PM Cathedral Choir Rehearsal - Church

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Friday, December 5 (Adoration 9 am-3 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Advent All School Mass - Cathedral

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

5:20-5:50 PM Confessions - Cathedral

6:00 PM Mass and Novena Prayers - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Saturday, December 6 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM Mass - Cathedral

9:00-11:00 AM Cocoa with Santa - St. Gianna Center

2:30-3:30 PM Confessions - Cathedral

3:30 PM Rosary - Cathedral

4:00 PM Mass - Cathedral

After Mass Novena Prayers - Cathedral

4:50-5:20 PM Confessions - St. Mary Church

5:30 PM Mass - St. Mary Church

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

Sunday, December 7 (No Adoration)

7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass - Cathedral (also livestreamed)

After Mass Coffee and Donuts - Ruggle Hall

9:20-9:50 AM Confessions - St. Mary Church

9:45-10:45 AM Gr. K-6th Catechism Class - St. Anne's Room

10:00 AM Mass - St. Mary Church

10:50-11:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral

11:30 AM Mass (5th Grade Family Mass) - Cathedral

1:00-3:00 PM OCIA Session - Msgr. Dierkes Mtg Rm

2:30-4:00 PM VB Practice (Pritt) - Gym

6:00 PM Solemn Evening Novena Prayers - Cathedral

6:00 PM Gr. 7-8 Catechism Class - St. Anne's Room

7:00 PM Women's Retreat Team Mtg-St. Anne's Room

8:00 PM Rosary - livestream only

No Catechism or OCIA sessions, or Coffee and Donuts this Sunday.

A Message from Father Stephen Hansen

COME LORD JESUS, COME...

One of my favorite quotes of Pope St. John Paul II was from an audience he gave to school children in Rome in Advent. This dialogue was in "In Conversation With God":

"How are you preparing for Christmas? By praying, shout back the children. Very good, by praying, the Pope says, but also by going to Confession. You must go to Confession so that you can go to Communion later. Will you do that? In an even louder voice, those thousands of children replied: We will! And St. John Paul II tells them, Yes, you ought to go. Lowering his voice he whispers: The Pope will also go to Confession so as to receive the Child Jesus worthily."

On Pope St. John Paul's first visit to the United States, he focused on confession/penance. At one point he said, "the sign of a healthy parish is the frequency the parishioners go to confession."

There are five precepts of the Catholic Church (Catechism 2040-2043).

The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness. [This footnotes the Code of Canon Law can. 989† After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.]

In my last bulletin article, I mentioned the Cause opened for Ruth Pakaluk. This gal, born in New Jersey, is now a Servant of God. This week I learned about a young man, Daniel Anderl, also from New Jersey, who is being investigated also as a possible Saint. One of his virtues was bringing others back to Confession. Maybe Daniel will help you bring a friend of family member, a coworker, back to this great sacrament.

Another sign of a healthy parish is its care of temporal goods. In fact, just this past week Vatican News had an article stating the "Holy See's 2024 Consolidated Financial Statements" showed a surplus this year, but last year there was a deficit. Of course, each year we put a budget together at both parishes and do our best to keep it. Our business manager informed me, as I stated last weekend at the Cathedral Masses – that at the Cathedral we have four categories that are off budget leaving a deficit after a quarter of a year. If you could make a year-end extra gift, that would be appreciated. I'm so grateful that so many of you make sacrificial gifts week in (or year in) and week out (or year out). Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! This is something for all of us to do, like all the precepts. Quoting the Catechism:

The fifth precept ("You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church") means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

We're thankful for the sign of health as we begin Advent - 17,326 confessions at the end of Christ the King Sunday since August of 2018 – let's all enjoy this sacrament and bring a friend with us! We're thankful for the generosity of so many, many, at both parishes. Let's support the Annual Catholic Appeal, let's reserve our Missouri MO Scholars Tax Credits with a gift to Bright Futures Fund, let's all support our parishes to the best of our ability. Let's all have a great Advent, waiting on the child Jesus who changed everything!

COME LORD. JESUS. COME... HAPPY ADVENT!

If you weren't able to check out the **Altar Society's Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale** last weekend, mark your calendar for our next fundraiser: **Holiday Treat Tray and Last Minute Gift Ideas Sale** in the West Vestibule on **Dec 20th** after the 4:00 PM Mass, and **Dec 21st** after the 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses!

Food Pantry: During the holiday season, when school is out and kids are home without access to school lunches, all food and support go a long way to helping our neighbors and friends. A few suggested items: canned chicken, tuna, or other meat; canned soups and stews; canned chili and chili beans; powdered or shelf stable milk; mac and cheese; pasta, ramen noodles, cup o' noodles; cereal, granola bars, breakfast foods; crackers and snacks; peanut butter and jelly. **Thank you** for your generosity as well as your prayers for our neighbors in need.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Contact **Teresa O'Donnell** at 816-679-4973 or rvkcmo@gmail.com.

Join the **Carpenter's Square Youth Ministry Group** at **Pizza Ranch** on **Thurs., Dec. 4th**, from 5:00-8:00 PM, as they raise funds for their attendance at **Camp Savio** next summer! Enjoy a pizza and chicken buffet while supporting the 5th-8th grade youth group!

Also, all 5th-8th grade students are invited to the annual **Christmas party on Saturday, December 13th**! Look for more details in next weekend's bulletin!

Cathedral School, St. Gianna Center, and SJCA News

- **Cocoa with Santa Claus** will be held on **Sat., Dec. 6th, 9:00-11:00 AM**, at **St. Gianna Early Childhood Center, 509 N. Ninth St.** Bring the whole family for a special fun event where kids can share their wishes, snap festive photos, and create a holiday keepsake!
- **Ravenous Ravens Night** at **Freddy's, 228 N. Belt Hwy**, on **Dec. 9th, 4:00-8:00 PM**. Show the Freddy's flyer when checking out, mention the fundraiser, or for online or mobile orders use promo code "GIVEBACK". Freddy's will contribute **15%** of event sales!
- **Bishop LeBlond High School** will host an **Open House** on **Sat., Dec. 13th, 11:30 AM-2:30 PM**, for all middle school students! Make plans to see what it's like to be an Eagle!

Our **Public-school children** attend the **Catechism Classes** on **Sundays** in **St. Anne's Room**. Substitute teachers are needed occasionally for our **Catechism Classes**. If you would be willing to help on **Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 am**, or in the **evenings, 6:00-7:00 pm**, please contact **Julie Kammerer, 816-261-1300**.

Coram Deo is meeting on **Friday, December 5th**, for **First Fridays!** Meet at the **Mir House of Prayer** at **6:10 PM** for **Adoration and Reconciliation**, followed by **Mass** at **7:00 PM**. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! If you have questions? Please contact **Ally Gabler** at allygabler@gmail.com.

Coram Deo's Moms' Group is meeting this **Tues., Dec. 2**, at **9:30 AM**. Reach out to **Ally Gabler** for the location.

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