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TO GOD  
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HIGHEST  
AND ON  
EARTH  
PEACE TO  
THOSE  
ON WHOM  
HIS FAVOR  
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

## Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21-22, 2024

### This Week's Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 23**

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

8:30 AM Mass - Sally Hoehn +

**Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Vigil**

*Is 62:1-5...Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29...Acts 13:16-17, 22-25...*

*Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25*

6:15 AM Mass - Helen Joyce +

4:00 PM Pontifical and Mittens & Socks Mass with  
Bishop James V. Johnston

**Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas**

*Midnight: Is 9:1-6...Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13...Ti 2:11-14...*

*Lk 2:1-14; Day: Is 52:7-10...Heh 1:1-6...Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6...*

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

12:00 AM Midnight Mass for the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass for the Nativity of the Lord

**Thursday, December 26**

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

*Mt 10:17-22*

8:00 AM Mass - Leo Stock +

**Friday, December 27**

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

8:00 AM Mass - Ted and Fred Pepple +

**Saturday, December 28**

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

8:00 AM Mass - John Potts +

4:00 PM Mass - Eva Pflugradt +

**Sunday, December 29**

*1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28...Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10...1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24...*

*Lk 2:41-52*

8:30 AM Mass - Greg Knapp and Joan Knapp +

11:30 AM Mass - Helen Lierz +

*Father Hansen, Father Fenlon, Father Nguyen, Deacon Fultz, and the Parish, School, and St. Gianna Center Staffs are keeping you in their prayers for a safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year!*

This Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, please join our Legion of Mary members as they Christmas Carol in our Cathedral neighborhood. Please bring your family and friends and meet at 3 pm in Ruggle Hall. Hot chocolate and cookies will be enjoyed after the Christmas Caroling.

**Note the following schedule changes:**

- There WILL be Catechism Class this Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:45-10:45 AM in St. Anne's Room.
- Please refer to "This Week's Mass Intentions" and the "Coming Week's Activities" on this page for the Confessions and Masses Schedule for Christmas.
- The School will not be open December 23<sup>rd</sup> until January 7<sup>th</sup>. January 6<sup>th</sup> will be a SJCA Professional Development Day for the faculty.
- The Parish Office will be open on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, but will be closed through Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Food Pantry will be open on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>, and open on December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The St. Gianna Early Childhood Center will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.
- There will not be any Catechism Class, Coffee and Donuts refreshments, or OCIA session on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

### This Coming Week's Activities

**Monday, December 23 (No Adoration - School Closed)**

7:50-8:20 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM

Mass - Cathedral

9:00 AM

Finish Decorating Church - Cathedral

9:30-11:00 AM

Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

5:30-6:30 PM

Basketball Practice (Fritten) - Gym

8:00 PM

Rosary - livestream only (when possible)

**Tuesday, December 24 (No Adoration - Parish/School Offices and St. Gianna's Center Closed)**

6:15 AM

Mass - Cathedral

3:20-3:50 PM

Confessions - Cathedral

4:00 PM

Pontifical and Mittens & Socks Mass with

Cathedral Choir - Cathedral

5:20-5:50 PM

Confessions - St. Mary Church

6:00 PM

Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord-St. Mary

8:00 PM

Rosary - livestream only (when possible)

**Wednesday, December 25 (No Adoration - Parish/School Offices, Food Pantry, & St. Gianna's Center Closed)**

11:20-11:50 PM

Confessions - Cathedral

12:00 Midnight

Mass for the Nativity of the Lord with Glory

and Praise Choir - Cathedral

8:20-8:50 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

9:00 AM

Christmas Day Mass - Cathedral

9:50-10:20 AM

Confessions - St. Mary Church

10:30 AM

Christmas Day Mass - St. Mary Church

8:00 PM

Rosary - livestream only

**Thursday, December 26 (No Adoration - Parish/School Offices Closed)**

7:20-7:50 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Mass - Cathedral

8:00 PM

Rosary - livestream only (when possible)

**Friday, December 27 (No Adoration - Parish/School Offices Closed)**

7:20-7:50 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Mass - Cathedral

9:30-11:00 AM

Food Pantry - Rectory Basement

8:00 PM

Rosary - livestream only (when possible)

**Saturday, December 28 (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, December 29 (No Adoration)**

7:50-8:20 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 AM

Rosary - Cathedral

8:30 AM

Mass - Cathedral (Mass also livestreamed)

9:20-9:50 AM

Confessions - St. Mary Church

10:00 AM

Mass - St. Mary Church

10:50-11:20 AM

Confessions - Cathedral

11:30 AM

Mass - Cathedral

8:00 PM

Rosary - Livestream only

As the Holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We also want to thank the 76 families who so far have shared their financial resources towards our parish goal for the 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are grateful for your listening to our call to give and in sharing your blessings with others in the family of the Church in Northwest Missouri. Please know that, once Cathedral reaches our goal, then 50% above that amount will come back to our parish. For more information, visit the Diocesan available at [www.kcsjccatholic.org](http://www.kcsjccatholic.org).

Weekly Offertory Income - Monthly Budget Goal \$65,725		
	Offertory	Aged, Sick & Poor
Week 1	\$10,681.25	\$ 874.00
Week 2	\$13,710.29	\$ 995.00
Week 3	\$18,848.00	\$ 440.00
Totals	\$43,239.54	\$2,309.00

### A Message from Father Stephen Hansen

In a meditation I gave recently, I repeated something I may have shared in a homily at the Cathedral or St. Mary's; my first recollection of a Christmas gift. You may remember something yourself. We lived in a ranch style home and the boys were in the basement and my parents and sisters were in the upstairs (main floor) bedrooms. I remember like yesterday, walking up the stairs and into the dining room attached to the living room, where there a basketball hoop was "peeking out" of the wrapping paper! I couldn't believe it!!! That basketball hoop got a lot of use over the years although my shot didn't necessarily improve.

Now, in these days, much greater emotion is experienced each year when I incense the manger where baby Jesus is laid! What a gift; the Father sent his only begotten son, through Mary and Joseph, into time, so we can enter into eternity some day! There is a custom in many places that, in the chapel or church, there is a baby Jesus that one can pick up and kiss (and wipe with a purificator/cloth) when you come or go during the Christmas Octave or Season. I don't see why you couldn't do that in your homes. Watch for that at the Cathedral and St. Mary's this year!!

Yes, the basketball hoop spurred me on to practice my shot in the driveway at the ranch home on Drexel Avenue in Racine, WI, but the manger and the life of Christ urges me on to want to be a saint. There are always rough edges to work on. Always things to talk to Jesus about. Always more people to love and serve. May Jesus be the best gift on our lists, and in His humanity may we connect to Him and believe He's calling us to follow Him more closely!

Merry Christmas!

We need your help as we finish decorating our Cathedral for the Christmas Season. Please come on **Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **9 am**. Help is needed to arrange the flowers and help with any last minute details. Please call **Chris Den Ouden, 816-294-7435**, if you can help.

If you have not already completed and returned the **2025 Parish Stewardship Commitment Pledge Form**, we hope you will prayerfully consider doing so. If you know of a service area not mentioned on the back of the form, please do not hesitate to list it, indicating your interest. Please note that no area of service was left off the list intentionally.

A **MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT** will take place 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](mailto: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.**

A **WOMEN'S WELCOME RETREAT** will take place here at Cathedral on **Sat., 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 form meaningful relationships with people in your parish 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 have questions or would like to reserve your spot, please email us at [CathedralWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:CathedralWelcome@gmail.com), or contact **Melissa Pfister** at **816-351-3906**, or **Melanie Francis** at **816-351-8870**.

The next **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** will be held here at Cathedral on the last weekend of **April 2025**. Both women and men, even grandparents and siblings, may suffer relentless regret, sorrow, and shame. These retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where they can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin healing. All information received is confidential. For more details or to sign up for one of the retreats, please contact [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) or call **Teresa O'Donnell** at **816-679-4973**.

**Sophia Spirituality Center, 751 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. - Atchison, KS**, is offering a **Single Women's Retreat: *All the Joy You Bring***, on **Jan. 3-4, Fri. 6 pm-Sat., 3 pm**. Through faith sharing and creativity, participants will uplift their gifts of resilience, ingenuity, and faith, leaving them ready to be God's joyful presence wherever life leads. For information or to enroll, contact [www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org](http://www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org) or **913-360-6173**.

### The Good News of Cathedral

- **Many blessings to Miles Nold**, who was baptized here at Cathedral on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**!
- **Congratulations to Liz Robinson**, Cathedral Class of 13 and LB Class of 17, on her marriage to **Kolin Hayes** on **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**!

### SJCA, Cathedral School, and St. Gianna Center News

- 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](http://www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study).

**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, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** for **Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet at the Cathedral of St. Joseph 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](mailto:allygabler@gmail.com).

**Coram Deo** is 100% supported by donations. If you are joining them for an event which entails a specific cost, or you would just like to donate to the **Coram Deo** cause, please **Venmo@Ally-Gabler** with the label "**Coram Deo**". If you cannot support financially, they always appreciate your prayerful support.

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 **1-800-391-3738** (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call **911**, and
3. 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, **Joe Crayon**, at **816-812-2500** or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@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 **816-392-0011** or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# **Poinsettia Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who supported our poinsettia service project and sales! In addition to the 69 poinsettias that were purchased for pick up, there were 59 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!

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