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8:00AM-2:00PM

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9:00AM-2:00PM

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

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For Sacramental emergencies please call 816-205-6888.

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Religious education for public school students 4 year old - 8th grade

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WEDDING

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

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please contact the Parish Office if you are hospitalized.

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We welcome you to the Cathedral of St. Joseph. You may register at the Parish Office or complete parish registration form at www.cathedralsj.org under the contact tab.

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- Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
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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 the Victim Advocate, at 816-392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14-15, 2024

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a...Ps 25:4-5abc, 6 and 7bc, 8-9...Mt 21:23-27

8:30 AM - Mass - Mary Margaret Pejsa +

Tuesday December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10...Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17...Mt 1:1-17

6:15 AM Mass - Emily Lee +

Wednesday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8...Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19...Mt 1:18-19

6:00 PM Mass - Robert Maxwell +

Thursday, December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a...Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17...Lk 1:5-25

8:00 AM Mass - Leo Stock +

Friday, December 20

Is 7:10-14...Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6...Lk 1:26-38

8:00 AM All School Mass - Coletta Merrigan +

Saturday, 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 - Frank Leone +

4:00 PM Mass - Berkemeier/Beery Families +

Sunday, December 22

Mi 5:1-4a...Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19...Heb 10:5-10...Lk 1:39-45

8:30 AM Mass - Charlene Schnabel +

11:30 AM Mass - Ruth Biller Athay, Fr. Andy Biller SVD, Mark Athay, Chuck Athay, Mary (Biller) Searcy, Jerry Searcy +

Please sign up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament online at https://signup.com/go/wRfJHpe, on the paper sheet in the Adoration Chapel (area behind the altar), or contact our Parish Office. Please

check the Adoration schedule (second column of this page).

Our Legion of Mary invites you to the Advent Bible Study group on Monday mornings at 9:30 am in the Convent of the Sisters of Jesus the Lord. Copies of the study format are available for personal use or groups meeting at other times/days. If you have questions, please contact Jeanne Modlin, Lisa Sanders, Janet Smith, Virginia Victus, or Bryce and Carol Hunt.

Please join our Legion of Mary in Christmas Caroling this Sunday, Dec. 15th, in the neighborhood of St. Mary Parish. Meet at 3 pm in Brady Hall (basement of St. Mary Church). Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided after Christmas Caroling.

Next Sunday, Dec. 22nd, please join the Legion of Mary in Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood of our Cathedral. Please meet at 3 pm in Ruggle Hall. There will be hot chocolate and cookies after everyone has finished Christmas Caroling. If you have questions, please contact our Parish Office at 816-232-7763.

We still have envelopes available on the three Angel Trees (1 at each side entrance of church and 1 in west vestibule). We greatly appreciate your participation in this project by placing a donation in the collection basket by next weekend, Dec. 21-22. You also may drop any donation by the Parish Office, Monday-Friday (or in the black mailbox by the office's glass door). Money collected will be used to purchase small Christmas gifts for our homebound and assisted living parishioners, and Catholic nursing care residents in our area. Please notify the Parish Office at 816-232-7763 if you know someone who should receive a gift, or if you would like to help deliver one (or more) of the gifts.

Weekly Offertory Income Monthly Budget Goal \$65,725

	Offertory	Aged, Sick & Pool
Week 1	\$10,681.25	\$ 874.00
Week 2	\$13,710.29	\$ 995.00
Totals	\$24,391.54	\$1,869,00

This Coming Week's Activities

Monday, December	16 (Adoration 9 am-3 pm)
7:50-8:20 AM	Confessions - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass - Cathedral 9:30 – 10:30 AM Bible Study - Convent

9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement
5:30-6:30 PM Basketball Practice (Tritten) - Gym
7:30 PM Community Chorus Concert - Cathedral
8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Tuesday, December 17 (Adoration 8 am - 3 pm)

6:15 AM Mass - Cathedral

12:00 Noon Mass – St. Mary Church 5:00-7:00 PM BB Practice (Pitts) – Gym 6:30 PM Confessions - Cathedral

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)
Wednesday, December 18 (Adoration 8 am – 1 pm; 3 pm - 6 pm)

9:00 AM-12 Noon Crafting Group Meeting – Rectory Basement 9:30-11:00 AM Food Pantry – Rectory Basement

12:00 Noon Mass – St. Mary Church 5:20-5:50 PM Confessions – Cathedral

5:30-6:30 PM Basketball Practice (Meierhoffer) - Gym

6:00 PM Mass - Cathedral

6:30 -8:00 PM Men's Welcome Retreat Meeting - Convent

8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only Thursday, December 19 (Adoration 9 am – 1 pm)

7:20-7:50 AM Confessions - Cathedral
8:00 AM Mass - Cathedral
12:00 Noon Mass - St. Mary Church
3:30-7:30 PM Private Christmas Party - Gym

6:00 PM Cathedral Christmas Concert - Church 8:00 PM Rosary – livestream only (when possible)

Friday, December 20 (No Adoration)

7:20-7:50 AM
8:00 AM
9:30-11:00 AM
12:30 PM
1:00 PM
2:00 PM
8:00 PM
Rosary — livestream only (when possible)

Saturday, December 21 (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

After Mass Altar Society Holiday Treat Trays Sale 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 22 (No Adoration)
7:50-8:20 AM Confessions - Cathedral
8:00 AM Rosary - Cathedral

8:30 AM Mass – Cathedral (Mass also livestreamed)
After Mass Altar Society Holiday Treat Trays Sale

Coffee/Milk/Donuts - Ruggle Hall

9:20-9:50 AM Confessions – St. Mary Church 10:00 AM Mass - St. Mary Church 10:45 AM Glory & Praise Choir Rehearsal 10:50-11:20 AM Confessions – Cathedral

11:30 AM Mass – Cathedral

After Mass Altar Society Holiday Treat Trays Sale

1:00-3:00 PM OCIA Session – Rectory

3:00 PM Christmas Caroling in Cathedral Neighborhood

8:00 PM Rosary – Livestream only

See bulletin message from the Little Sisters of the Lamb on a separate page

St. Joseph Community Chorus and Fountain City Brass Band will have a concert in our Cathedral this Sunday, December 15th at 3 pm, and on Monday, Dec. 16th at 7:30 pm. A reception will follow each concert in Ruggle Hall. Tickets for this *Christmas at the Cathedral* Concert can be purchased at the door or online at www.stjoechorus.org/tickets.

Thank you to those who have already made a gift/pledge to the 2024-2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Countless lives are touched by every contribution made. Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy — they all depend on our generosity. Your gifts support over 30 ministries along with administrative support for both parishes and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Once Cathedral reaches our goal, 50% above that amount will come back to the parish. More information on ministries funded by the ACA appeal is available at www.kcsjcatholic.org.

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.

We need your help as we continue to decorate our Church for the Christmas Season. Please come on **Dec. 20**th at 11:00 am, to help set up the crib, some of the manger figures, and the trees. On **Dec. 23**rd at 9 am, help is needed setting up the flowers. Please call Chris Den Ouden, 816-294-7435, if you can help.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin healing. For more information or to sign up for one of the retreats, please check online at www.rachelsvineyard.org or call Teresa O'Donnel at 816-679-4973.

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 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. Ladies are invited to come connect with others in our parish community, take a break from your everyday life and recharge, and spend quality time in prayer. Ladies have a choice of going home Saturday night and returning Sunday morning, or spending the night on campus in the Convent. All meals/snacks are included. There is no fee for the weekend, but a donation will be accepted. If you have questions or would like to reserve your spot, please email us at CathedralWelcome@gmail.com, or contact Melissa Pfister at 816-351-3906, or Melanie Francis at 816-351-8870.

St. James Parish in St. Joseph is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper to work 20-24 hours per week under the supervision of the Pastor. Responsibilities include handling the details of the parish's budget, making financial transactions, keeping accurate records, and ensuring that payments are processed. The full job description and application are at https://kcsicatholic.org/start/job-openings!

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The Good News of Cathedral

 Many blessings to Ray and Laura Gilbert, whose marriage was convalidated here at Cathedral on December 9th!

SJCA, Cathedral School, and St. Gianna Center News

- Last chance before Christmas . . . Place your Cathedral Cash gift cards order before 9 am this coming Tuesday, December 17th, so that they can hopefully arrive at Cathedral on schedule and they can be distributed to you on Thursday, December 19th. The next order date after the holidays will be Tuesday, January 7th.
- Cathedral School has a part-time After School Care Provider position available. This is a paid position. The candidate would be expected to be at Cathedral by 3:15 pm and stay until the last child is picked up. We officially "close" at 6:00 pm, but the students typically do not stay that long after school. Most days, you would be finished by 5:00 pm and some days 5:30 pm. (If this time frame isn't enough hours, or if a candidate is interested in a few additional hours, we might be able to have them assist in a classroom at the last hour of the day.) The position pays minimum wage to start. The link to view the position description or to apply for the job is: https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/285844
- 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 com-promising 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. The survey should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Coram Deo is meeting on Monday, Dec. 23rd 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.

Coram Deo's Moms' Group is meeting this Tues., Dec. 17th, at 9:00 am! Hang out with fellow moms while your kids play! Questions? Contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com for the address.

Mir House is going digital! If you are an existing adorer, or are interested in obtaining your own holy hour, want to become an occasional substitute, or if you are just curious about what goes on at Mir House, please consider signing up for a "We Adore Him" account. You can view the current schedule, sign up for hours, request automatic substitutes, receive reminders for your holy hour, and get closings or changes updates by text, email, or call! Please sign up by going to mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup.

Dear Cathedral and St. Mary's parishioners,

We are overjoyed to be present in the city of St. Joseph and to live our mission here. Thank you to all who have been part of this new beginning, whether helping to clean and prepare the rectory at St. Mary's, offering food, or saying hello after Mass. In all the preparations, encounters, and budding friendships, we have experienced God's love and care for us and have seen that He desires to come close to the people of St. Joseph.

So who are these little sisters in blue habits? "I've seen sisters in red, also in black, so is the blue something you work up to?" we were recently asked by a man who lives close to St. Mary's. No doubt he's seen various sisters who have served the Lord in this city! What a rich blessing it is for us to know that there is both a heritage and continued presence of religious in St. Joseph. Each community is like a different branch on the broad tree that is the Church. As little sisters of the Lamb, we are mendicants, meaning we are beggars, following in the footsteps of our patrons St. Dominic and St. Francis of Assisi.

"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ... Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer deserves his food" (Matthew 10:6-7, 9-10). We have the great privilege to live out literally these words from the Gospel in our everyday lives. Sent by Jesus and the Church as vulnerable lambs, we beg door-to-door for our daily bread amidst the poor so as to reveal who Jesus is – the Lamb of God, a fragile little baby born into poverty out of love for mankind. Through this simple mission we seek to reveal, especially to those on the peripheries of society, that Jesus freely offers His friendship and love to each person. It is beautiful to witness many people in St. Joseph opening their doors to us and their hearts to Jesus.

In November, three little sisters walked in the vicinity of St. Mary's and began to knock. A young mom came out on her porch and shook our hands. "It's nice to meet you," she said smiling. She was very happy to see us, it was almost as if she knew us! We thought to ourselves, "Maybe other little sisters have already begged here before!" We asked her if she could offer us some food for our lunch, and waving us inside her home, she prepared a grocery bag for us. "Wow! There's bread!" one of the little sisters exclaimed to the other. That morning, we prayed to receive some bread, and now God was so evidently providing for us. She was so surprised to hear our excitement that she said, "Wait! I can go get another loaf!"

We were reminded of a homily Bishop James Johnston recently preached to us about our charism: "When anyone responds to someone who asks for something, it's an invitation to charity. And whenever a person chooses to give, to make an act of charity, they immediately become a **cooperator with the Father.**" She was for us a sign of God's fatherly presence, and we were the same for her, too. "I'm sorry," she said while drying her eyes, "that I'm getting emotional. It's just that right when you showed up, I was shopping for a Bible online because I want to get back to my faith. And then I opened my door, and there you were, sisters!" Although not Catholic, she loves that she can see St. Mary's from her house and told us, "When I look at the Church and its big dome, I feel safe." She came by our fraternity later that afternoon with more groceries and we all prayed together in the chapel. Part of our mission is also to intercede for those we meet, and this time it was particularly special to pray for her with Jesus present right there in the tabernacle.

Sometimes God allows us to see the fruit of the mission, as in this case, but other times it's not always evident. But no matter the response, we pray that by simply going out in this way, we can reflect the victorious light of Jesus the Lamb, He who became vulnerable and poor so as to draw each heart to Himself. This mission is also a contemplative one in which we are sent to encounter Jesus written on the faces of the people we meet, in their stories, sorrows, and joys.

Founded in France in 1981, we are an international community present in eight different countries with a male branch of little brothers. We have a little monastery, Lumen Christi, in downtown Kansas City, Kansas, where we began our first mission in the United States in 2008 at Archbishop Naumann's invitation. Three little sisters come to St. Joseph for about one week per month, which allows us to continue the mission in Kansas City. We hope that in the future the Community can send a group of little sisters to live consistently in St. Joseph. When we are in town, please come ring our doorbell! Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving as we witness the Lord at work in this new foundation! Thank you again for welcoming us, praying for us, and providing for us. May you be blessed during this Advent season as we joyfully await our Savior.

CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 PM — Confession and Reconciliation*

*Offered until 7:30pm or until the line ends.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM — Pontifical and Mittens and Socks* with Bishop Johnston at Cathedral of St. Joseph

*Children are invited to bring an article of new children's clothing to present to the Baby Jesus at the Presentation of Gifts.

6:00 PM — St. Mary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Midnight — Cathedral of St. Joseph

9:00 AM — Cathedral of St. Joseph

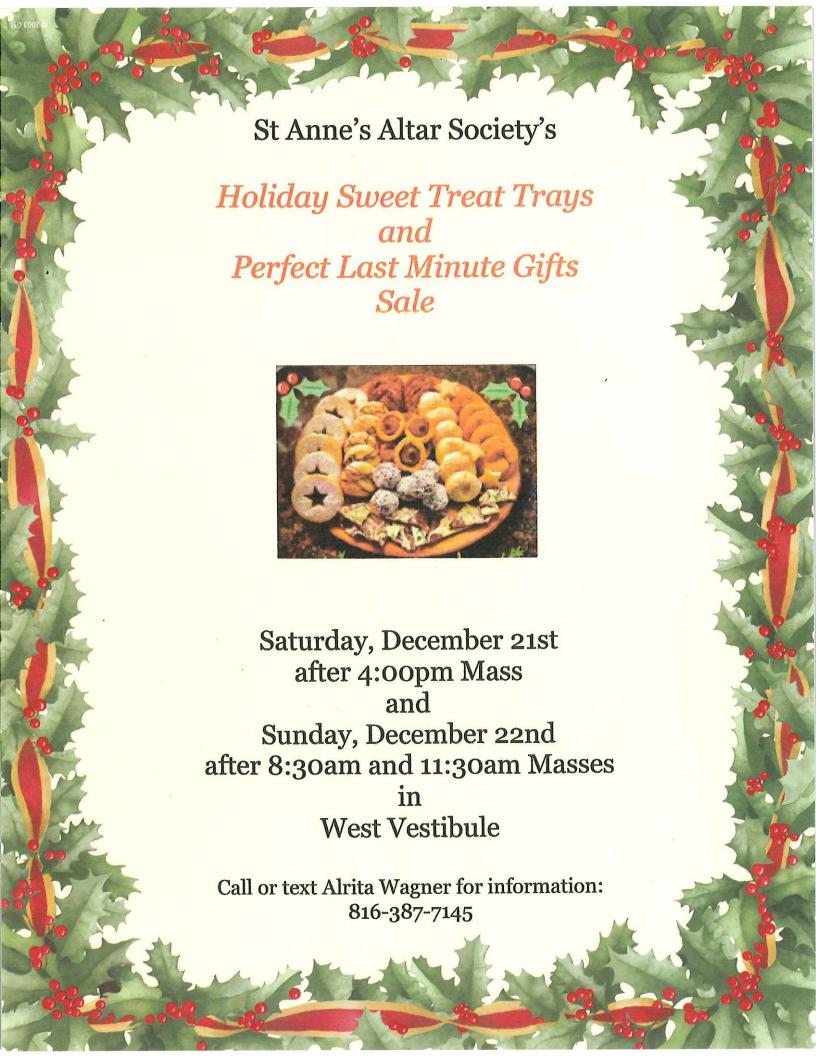
10:30 AM — St. Mary

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

9:00 AM — St. Mary

10:30 AM — Cathedral of St. Joseph



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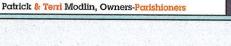
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