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## SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the  
forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

## To all our visitors...

Bishop Emeritus John R. Gaydos, the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our parish was formed in 1959 and was elevated to the title of Cathedral in 1968 and dedicated in 1974. Please enjoy the beauty of this spacious building dedicated to the Glory of God and the memory of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary. It was built for the inspiration of all who enter. Free tour booklets are available.

All visitors who are not of the Roman Catholic faith are most

welcome to join us in prayer and worship, but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of full unity and membership in the Catholic community. Together let us all pray for the unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Parish, please call the parish office at 573-635-7991.

All contributions to the Cathedral ministries and maintenance are sincerely appreciated. Please remember this Cathedral parish in your Will, gifts and estate plans to support our parish's ongoing mission.

## Cathedral Organizations and Ministries

|                            |                             |              |                              |                               |          |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Altar Servers              | Deacon Dan Joyce            | 634-7959     | Greeters                     | Deacon Dan Joyce              | 634-7959 |
| American Heritage Girls    | Mrs. Jennifer Gerber        | 314-497-0257 | Home & School                | Mr. Jamie Morris              | 636-5478 |
| Athletic Committee         | Mr. Craig Husting           | 634-8731     | Helias Representative        | Heidi Vollet                  | 636-3910 |
| Baptism Preparation        | Deacon Christopher Baker    | 636-8935     | Knights of Columbus          | Mr. Mark Ruether              | 659-7869 |
| Bereavement Committee      | Mrs. Donna Kuebler          | 893-6313     | Ladies Auxiliary             | Mrs. Arlene Taylor            | 893-6281 |
| Boy Scouts                 | Mr. Steve Wright            | 893-9149     | Lectors                      | Deacon Dan Joyce              | 634-7959 |
| Catholic Cancer Support    | Mr. Thom Day                | 636-8939     | Marriage Preparation         | Please call the parish office | 635-7991 |
| Cemetery Board             | Deacon John Schwartze       | 616-2138     | Nursing Home Visitation      | Ms. Lois Fairchild            | 230-3637 |
|                            | Mrs. Michelle Varcho        | 821-1191     | Parish Association           | Vacant                        |          |
|                            | Vacant                      |              | Parish Pastoral Council      | Ms. Edie Vogel                | 636-4650 |
| Charities                  | Deacon Christopher Baker    | 636-8935     | Parish School of Religion    | Mrs. Cara Sue Cockerham       | 291-4889 |
| Christ Renews His Parish   | M/M Tony & Charlotte Wening | 761-5193     | Prayer Line                  | Please call the parish office | 635-7991 |
| Collection Counters        | Mr. Duane Buersmeyer        | 636-3097     | Pro-life                     | Mr. Ed Bode                   | 635-7874 |
| Confirmation Preparation   | Mr. David Lankford          | 635-9454     | Rite of Christian Initiation | Dan Kempker                   | 496-5499 |
| Cub Scouts                 | Mr. Larry Schulte           | 690-9449     | Samaritan Center Board       | Mr. Bernie Fechtel            | 893-6400 |
| Cursillo                   | Mr. Brian Johnson           | 636-5319     |                              | Mr. Roger Dudenhoefter        | 893-8483 |
| Director of Music          | Mr. Thomas Halpin           | 635-7991     |                              | Mr. Don Schnieders            | 893-5990 |
| Divine Worship & Spiritual |                             |              |                              | (Member at Large)             |          |
| Development Committee      | Monsignor Kurwicki          | 635-7991     | School Board President       | Mrs. Lori Buchanan            | 636-9357 |
| Divorce Assistance Group   | Parish Office               | 635-7991     | School Principal             | Mr. Spencer L. Allen          | 635-5024 |
| Edge Youth Program         | Mrs. Julie Gramlich         | 644-4965     | Secular Franciscan Order     | Mr. Patrick Smith, OFS        | 592-1972 |
| Episcopal Servers          | Fr. Joshua Duncan           | 635-7991     | Special Event Dinners        | Mrs. Janice Houser            | 636-9842 |
| Eucharistic Adoration      | Mr. John Poepsel            | 893-8173     | St. Brigid Quilters          | Mrs. Rosana Weidinger         | 893-3493 |
| Extraordinary Ministers    |                             |              | Steering Committee           | Monsignor Kurwicki            | 635-7991 |
| of Holy Communion          | Fr. Joshua Duncan           | 635-7991     | Stewardship Committee        | Mr. Joseph Boland             | 761-4890 |
| Faith Connection Committee | Mrs. Denise Barnes          | 636-9754     | Ushers                       | Mr. Bob Asahl                 | 584-8010 |
| Finance Council            | Vacant                      |              | Vocation Committee           | Mrs. Denise Barnes            | 636-9754 |
| Funeral Luncheon           | Mrs. Pat Dowd               | 635-4507     | Welcoming Committee          | Mrs. Amanda Geiger            | 635-7991 |
| Girl Scouts                | Maria Stokes                | 314-724-8531 | Youth Ministry               | Mrs. Julie Gramlich           | 644-4965 |
| Gospel of Life Committee   | Mrs. Gina Newlon            | 230-6718     |                              |                               |          |

## Cathedral Parish Information

### Registering in the Parish

To join our parish, please contact the Parish Office at 635-7991 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Registering in the Cathedral School

Parents wishing to know more about our grade school, are encouraged to call the Cathedral school principal, Mr. Spencer L. Allen at 635-5024.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children should be registered members of the parish and they should contact the Parish Office.

### Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

If you are interested in becoming a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact Fr. Gregory Oligschlaeger at 635-9127.

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Persons interested in becoming Roman Catholic should contact Mr. Dan Kempker, 496-5499

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this Sacrament of healing by calling a priest at the Parish Office.

### Vocations to the Christian Married Life

Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Ordinarily, no marriages are celebrated during Lent.



Jefferson City, Missouri

**HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)**  
 7:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Charles & Peggy Stockbauer  
 11:00 a.m. Lawrence Schepker  
**Monday, December 11 (St. Damasus I)**  
 6:30 a.m. Helen Voss  
 8:00 a.m. Clarence Maasen  
**Tuesday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)**  
 6:30 a.m. Rose & August Schwarzer  
 8:00 a.m. Marge Schmieders  
**Wednesday, December 13 (St. Lucy)**  
 6:30 a.m. Dorothy Coffey  
 8:00 a.m. Pat Hall  
**Thursday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross)**  
 6:30 a.m. Shirley Scidone  
 8:00 a.m. Ken Distler  
**Friday, December 15**  
 6:30 a.m. Andrew F. Barry  
 8:00 a.m. Francis Schanzmeyer  
**Saturday, December 16 (Third Sunday of Advent)**  
 5:30 p.m. Mrs. Henrietta Rackers  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Parishioners  
 9:00 a.m. Noel Caspari  
 11:00 a.m. Mary & Richard O'Brien

**STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Scriptures reminded us multiple times of our need to share our goods with the poor of this world. The Cathedral of Saint Joseph relies on the support of parishioners who generously give their time, talent, and treasures to make Jesus Christ known. Our Fiscal Year to Date Offerings are as follows:

|                                  |    |              |
|----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Offertory Budget 07/1/17-6/30/18 | \$ | 2,582,708.00 |
| Budget Goal per Month            | \$ | 215,225.67   |
| Weekly Goal                      | \$ | 49,667.46    |
| <u>Collection</u>                |    |              |
| December 3                       | \$ | 46,062.12    |
| December 10                      | \$ |              |
| December 17                      | \$ |              |
| December 24                      | \$ |              |
| December 31                      | \$ |              |
| To date for December             | \$ | 46,062.12    |
| Budget Goal Year to Date         | \$ | 1,142,651.67 |
| Sunday Collection Year to Date   | \$ | 1,158,063.26 |
| Difference                       | \$ | +15,684.59   |

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE MORE ACCURATELY RECORDED WHEN YOUR ENVELOPE OR CHECK IS CLEARLY MARKED. THANK YOU!**

**PRAYING TOWARD NEXT WEEK:  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:2a, 10-11  
**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 5:16-24  
**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**THIS COMING WEEK**

**12/10 Second Sunday of Advent**  
 K of C Breakfast for Special Olympics, 8:00—11:00 a.m. Undercroft  
**Confirmation Class**, 9:00 a.m. School Commons  
**Vespers** 6:00 p.m., Cathedral  
**St. Stanislaus Penance Service**, 6:30 p.m., Wardesville  
**12/11 St. Monica MOMS**, 9:00 a.m., Mary Room  
**Centering Prayers**, 12:10 p.m., Chapel  
**RCIA**, 6:30 p.m., School  
**St. Francis Xavier Penance Service**, 7:00 p.m., Taos  
**Understanding the Bible**, 7:00 p.m., Mary Room  
**12/12 School Advent Reconciliation**, 8:45 a.m., Cathedral  
**EDGE**, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Undercroft  
**Early Dismissal**, 2:00 p.m., School  
**Schola Rehearsal** 6:30 p.m., Cathedral/BMR  
**St. Andrew Penance Service** 7:00 p.m., Holt Summit  
**12/13 School Advent Reconciliation**, 8:45 a.m., Cathedral  
**Priests/Music Director Mtg**, 9:00 p.m., Parish Office  
**Angel Tree Adopt a Family Program Pick-Up**  
 12:00—6:00 p.m., Undercroft  
**K of C Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Catholic Center  
**Adult Choir**, 7:00pm, Cathedral/Bishop Marling Room  
**PSR**, 7:00 p.m., School  
**Women's Bible Study**, 7:00 p.m., Mary Room  
**St. Michael Penance Service**, 7:00 p.m., Russellville  
**St. Margaret Penance Service**, 7:00 p.m., Osage Bend  
**12/14 Quilters**, 8:45 a.m., Bishop Marling Room  
**Pastor/Principal Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office  
**5-8 Band Concert**, 7:00 p.m., Miller Performing Arts  
**Hand Bell Choir**, 7:00 p.m., Bishop Marling Room  
**Rosary**, 7:00 p.m., Chapel  
**12/15 Staff Meeting**, 9:30 a.m., Parish Office  
**12/16 Men's Prayer Group**, 7:00 a.m., Bishop Marling Room  
**Private Event**, Undercroft  
**Confessions**, 4:00 p.m., Cathedral  
**12/17 Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Confirmation Class**, 9:00 a.m. School Commons  
**Joyful Noise**, 9:15 a.m., Undercroft  
**Cathedral Penance Service**, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral  
**Vespers** 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SR. EVELYN**

A memorial service for Sr. Evelyn Peterman is **Monday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.** at St. Mary's SSM Hospital Conference Center.

**CHRISTMAS MASS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**5:30 P.M., 9:00 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT**  
 (COME AT 8:30 P.M. TO JOIN IN SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS)  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.**  
 THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21,**  
**AND WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**



December 10, 2017

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** to all who gather in our Cathedral Church for the **Second Sunday of Advent**.

**WEEK OF PRAYER:** We ask each member of our Cathedral parish to pray for the members of one of the parishes or missions in our diocese this week. As a Cathedral Church, all our parishes are linked to us and we wish to deepen the spiritual bond with them. Therefore, we will pray this week for **St. John, Laddonia**.

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE:** The Cathedral Parish Family extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of **Jean Maloney**. May she have eternal rest in her heavenly home and may the Lord give comfort and peace to her loved ones who mourn their loss.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** **Rowyn Liebler** and **Andrews Gonzalez** who were baptized in the Cathedral last weekend!

**SCRIP** may be purchased at the school during regular hours. Please support our school!

**CSA 2018 UPDATE**



**“One Faith, One Family.”**

Our Cathedral goal is **\$215,000!** So far the Cathedral has raised **\$207,192** from **314** parishioners or **96.37%**.

The Diocese goal is **\$2,040,000** and **\$1,480,923** or **72.59%** has been received. **Thank you!**

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS**

As we move toward the end of the year, your pastor invites you to review your contributions to our parish during the past 11 months. Certainly many have been most generous, enabling us to do all that we do to serve your spiritual needs, pay all our employees, fund our programs and maintain our facilities and plan for our future. Others, are in a position to do much more than what they are doing. We simply ask for your assessment of your generosity to your parish. What we are able to do for you is dependent upon your support. Those who are looking for tax-deductible items for this tax year, might consider a gift to the Church. In view of our needs and our school building program, your gift may be very timely for both you and the Cathedral. God Bless You!!

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RESULTS**

- \$15,341—Grand Raffle
- \$2,780—Turkey Sponsorship
- \$2,454—Dollar Raffle
- \$636.50—Quilt Raffle
- \$16,465—Dinner/Food Sales/Cakes
- \$2,765—Silent Auction
- \$795.71—Crafts/Religious
- \$1,586.05—Country Store
- \$559.25—Bottle Booth
- \$1,308.35—Trinkets & Treasure
- \$189.87—Christmas Trees
- \$44,974.73—Total Receipts


(Expenses will be announced at a later date)

**Thank you to all who made our Christmas Bazaar a success!**

**HISTORY OF THE NATIVITY SCENE**



Nativity sets are a popular indoor decoration during the Christmas season; and were not always small, motionless figurines. The original nativity set was live, with people dressed as Mary and Joseph, and real animals. The first live nativity sets were said to be created by St. Francis of Assisi in the 12th century. Traditionally, the sets were displayed at the front of medieval churches and temples. Soon artists began carving these images into wood or making them out of straw, and when the nativity sets moved to other countries like Italy, other materials were used such as stone and ivory. Many Italians commissioned the work of famous artists to hand carve and create their nativity scenes. In Rome, a large nativity scene is put out in the square of the Vatican just before Christmas, where many believers come to see its beauty. When the town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania was settled in America in the year 1741, the people there brought this old tradition to the United States. Originally, nativity sets in America were called crèche, which means crib in French. Many people choose a barn-like container as the background, while others prefer simpler, more natural backdrops such as rocks or grass. Many families choose to pass their nativity scenes down from one generation to the next as an heirloom gift. They have become a worldwide tradition for those wanting to celebrate the birth of Christ.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Pope Francis*

**ON YOUR PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

**48 YEARS**

December 13, 1969

&

on your **81st Birthday**

December 17, 1936

**ITEMS WANTED**

The Carmelite Heritage Room connected to the Rectory Adoration Chapel has been opened to rave reviews. The parish again very grateful for all those who made contributions to purchase the museum quality glass cases. If you have any items made or given to you by the Carmelites in your home that you would like to donate to this Heritage Room, please contact the parish office.

**SEMINARIANS CHRISTMAS CARD**

Show your support for our seminarians, Ryan Bax and Carl Gales by sending them a Christmas card.

Ryan Bax  
37174 State Hwy VV  
Conception, MO 64433

Carl Gales, SVD  
5342 South University Ave  
Chicago, IL 60615

**ADAMS PLACE VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to take Holy Communion to Adams Street. If you are interested please contact the parish office.



Jefferson City, Missouri

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

**CENTERING PRAYER** will meet next on **December 11** at **12:10 p.m.** in the Chapel. Please join us. Contemplative Prayer is a powerful way of moving into a deepening experience of divine union. Contact Barbara Poetker at (573) 893-2064.

**HOLY ROSARY**—Come and join us on **Thursday nights, 7:00 p.m.** to pray the Most Holy Rosary in the daily Mass Chapel

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES 2017

With the Season of Advent we begin a new liturgical year. We enter into a new cycle of grace as we experience God's love for us and offer Him our love in return. Advent is called "a time of joyful expectation," as we long for God's promise to be fulfilled through His presence in the lives and activities of people of faith. Hopefully, we will not lose focus on this point with all the other activities of the season.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

|             |                              |           |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| December 10 | St. Stanislaus at Wardsville | 6:30 p.m. |
| December 11 | St. Francis Xavier at Taos   | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 12 | St. Andrew at Holt Summit    | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 13 | St. Michael at Russellville  | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 13 | St. Margaret at Osage Bend   | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 17 | Cathedral of Saint Joseph    | 2:00 p.m. |
| December 18 | St. Peter                    | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 19 | Immaculate Conception        | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 20 | St. Martin at St Martin      | 7:00 p.m. |
| December 21 | Annunciation at California   | 7:00 p.m. |

### CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PENANCE SERVICE:

|                |             |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Grades 3-4-5,  | December 12 | 8:30—11:00 a.m. |
| Grades 6-7-8,  | December 13 | 8:30—11:00 a.m. |
| PSR Penance,   | November 15 | 7:00 p.m.       |
| First Penance, | November 21 | 7:00 p.m.       |

All are welcome.

### ADVENT VESPERS:

December 10, and December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

## ADVENT VESPERS

Come join us for Vespers this Advent Season – **Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.** Advent is a time of joyful anticipation, so we must do all we can to prepare ourselves this season. Vespers is a beautiful way to prepare ourselves for Christmas, and to pray with and for the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours - also called the "Divine Office" - is the required prayer of every Roman Catholic cleric. Around the world, priests and religious unite in praying this Prayer of the Church. The Liturgy of the Hours is divided into seven "hours" of prayer, each involving an assortment of psalms, responsories, canticles, and readings. Vespers includes two psalms, a canticle from the New Testament, a short reading, a responsory, and the Magnificat canticle. The Liturgy of the Hours expresses the continuum from the Old Covenant to the New by incorporating the Jewish psalms with the Christian canticles in the official prayer of the Catholic Church. **We had 25 people last weekend.**

## ADVENT VESPERS INTENTION

Praying for Bishop Elect McKnight and for Bishop Gaydos offering thanks to God for the blessing on his 20 years as our bishop.

## VOCATION NEWS

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**—The Cathedral Vocations' Committee invites you each week to pray for a Priest, Religious, Deacon and Seminarian serving in our Diocese. This week, please keep in your prayers: **Fr. Boniface Kasiita Nzabonimpa, Brunswick/Indian Grove/Hurricane Branch, Sr. Celly Ann Amparano, SSND, Jefferson City, Deacon Edwin Schepers, California, & Seminarian Mr. Taylor Leffers, Conception Seminary College.**

**COME EARLY TO PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Most Holy Rosary will be prayed before each Mass for the intention of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Our next Rosary will be on the weekend of **January 6/7.** Join us!

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

March for Life takes place **January 17-20, 2018.** The registration forms may be found on the Diocese website, [www.diojeffcity.org](http://www.diojeffcity.org) under "March for Life". Please fill out and return as directed. Contact Jose Lopez at 635-9127.

## CONTEMPLATIVE HERITAGE TOUR

Enjoy a spectacular nine days in England from **April 3-11, 2018** Visit London/Amesbury/Stratford upon Avon/Glastonbury/Bath/Birmingham/Cambridge/Walsingham with Fr. Matthew Flatley. To download a brochure or to register online, visit: <https://registernow.ittworld.com> Enter Tour Code: Flatley18 or call Fr. Matt at 573-202-3590 for more information. Centering Prayer will also be an option.

## CHRISTMAS BOOK

Dynamic Catholic Christmas Book: "Perfectly Yourself" will be passed out the weekend of **December 16 & 17** after all Masses. Don't miss out on this **FREE** book that will inspire you to hear God speaking directly to you.

"Do you ever get the feeling that you are not enough? Not smart enough, not beautiful enough, not loved enough, not rich enough, not good enough... We all have these feelings from time to time, usually because we're comparing ourselves to others. But God doesn't compare you to anybody else. He wants to help you become the person he created you to be—perfectly yourself!"

## TAP INTO FAITH (FORMERLY DUMB OX)

Speaker: **Deacon Ric Telthorst, of St. Peter's**

Topic: **Celebrating A Real Catholic Christmas**

When: **Thursday, December 21 (6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)**

Where: **Prison Brews, 305 Ash St.**

## 2018 CONFIRMATION

The 2018 date for Confirmation has been set for **Thursday, April 26** at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.

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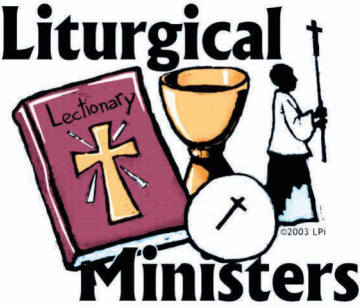
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December 3, 2017

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**



**GIFT FAMILY**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Steve Dallmeyer  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Kenneth Twehus  
 9:00 a.m. Jeffrey Kempker  
 11:00 a.m. Wesley Bates

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Linda Bolin, Lois Fairchild, David Gramlich, Julie Gramlich, Kristan Morris, John Peopsel, Norman Weavers  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Rich Anderson, Judith Lewis, Richard McCarty, James Mullen, Elizabeth Page, Kevin Vollet  
 9:00 a.m. Keri Austin, Thomas Imhoff, Monica Kusick, Jane Ledbetter, Michole Means, Joseph Scherr, David Talken  
 11:00 a.m. Kimie Bax, Jamison Case, Kenneth Gartner, Tesa Harrison, David Lankford, Jane Verry

**MUSIC MINISTERS**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Dewayne Carver, Tom Halpin  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. John Poepsel, Tom Halpin  
 9:00 a.m. Gladbach Family Singers, Scott Sellner  
 11:00 a.m. Joyful Noise, Matt Tolksdorf

**GREETERS**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Kathy Archer, Larry Archer, Mildred Burks, Shari Lukacs  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. John Dowd, Patricia Dowd  
 9:00 a.m. Donna Evert, Jennifer Hasler, Julie McElwaine, Keith McElwaine  
 11:00 a.m. Kristen Drews, Steven Drews, Charles Kummer, Michael Philpak

**LECTORS**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Betty Mudd, John Renner  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Rose Mengwasser  
 9:00 a.m. Sharon Talken, James Vignola  
 11:00 a.m. Susan Langwith, Joan Branson

**SERVERS**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. Brock Buschjost, Drake Perkins, Callie Walsh, Cora Walsh  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Elliot Vollet, Miles Vollet  
 9:00 a.m. Jacob Hoelscher, Joseph Kuster, Brett Schnieders, Josie Starr  
 11:00 a.m. Payton Kirchhoff, Luke Labenz, Catherine Meystrik, Hannah Meystrik

**USHERS**  
**Saturday, December 16**  
 5:30 p.m. James Morris, Alan Mudd, John Nichols, Mark Ruether  
**Sunday, December 17**  
 7:00 a.m. Raymond Caspari, Neal English, Joseph Page, Melvin Schebaum  
 9:00 a.m. Roger Dudenhoeffer, Michael Hoelscher, Larry Scheperle, Jeffrey Wilson  
 11:00 a.m. John Heckemeyer, Steven Houser, Josh Scott, William VanLo

Anyone who cannot serve at their appointed time will kindly arrange for a replacement! When you are assigned as an offertory family, please let one of the ushers know that you are there for that Mass. THANK YOU!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS [www.kofc12992.com](http://www.kofc12992.com)**



The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church and protecting and enhancing their family life. If you would like to join us, please contact Grand Knight Mark Ruether at 659-7869.

**December 13** - The next monthly business meeting which will be preceded by a 1st Degree induction. This meeting will be held at the Catholic Center, with the 1st Degree starting at 6:30 and the business meeting at 7:00.  
 Soccer Challenge Results – The State Council competition was held in Westphalia on November 5. Winners of our local and regional competitions competed in the state competition as follows: **Alaina Meyers**, 10-year-old girls, St. Peter's School, **won state competition.** **Gavin Wilson**, 10 year-old boys, St. Joseph Cathedral School, **won state competition.** **David Pinero**, 11 year-old boys, Lewis and Clark Middle School, **won state competition.** **Nick Ammons**, 12 year-old boys, Immaculate Conception School, **placed in state competition.** Congratulations to all the participants and especially the winners. Also, a big "thank you" to Tom Verry for coordinating the soccer challenge for our council.  
 All of the good works done by the Knights of Columbus are guided by four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** Our next meeting will be on **January 4 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room.** Please join us for our soup/dessert night. Tina Sellner will do a travelogue on Ireland. Guests are welcome! A brief meeting will follow the presentation with refreshments.

**COAT DRIVE RESULTS**

**4th Annual Fall & Winter Coat Drive Results October 21 through November 19, 2017** The Knights of Columbus started collecting men's, women's and children's gently used coats beginning the weekend of October 21 and are pleased to report **over 450 garments** have been distributed to the Samaritan Center, St. Mary's Hospital, Capital Region Medical Center, RAC's, Halo and the downtown train station; all of whom expressed their deepest appreciation and gratitude for these contributions to help them serve the basic needs of their patrons. Blessings to all who participated in this event; you have made a difference!

**VIRTUS TRAINING**

Studies show that one in four females, and one in six males, will be a victim of sexual abuse by the time they reach the age of 18. You can help prevent this from happening and ensure that our parishes, schools and homes are safe places for all children. The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children class on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alphonse J. Schwartze Catholic Center.** Class will be held in Room 306. Participants should register in advance at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Please arrive early so that the class may begin on time. Due to the nature of the subject, children are discouraged from attending.



Jefferson City, Missouri

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**December 12** EDGE program is with the 8th grade class. We will be helping with the 50 Samaritan Center adopted families as well as visiting our local places for service. Along with the 50 families we will still be collecting the Families in Need items so please be generous.

Our Virtue and Character this month are Charity & Compassion/Kindness. We will learn about Fr. Emil Kapaun who was a Catholic priest and a Korean war hero from Pilsen Kansas. Fr. Kapaun is on the road to Sainthood. **“Compassion and Forgiveness are signs of strength. Be strong”.**

## BBQ GYM EXPANSION FUNDRAISER

BBQ to benefit St. Joseph Cathedral School Gymnasium and Fine Arts Expansion.

**Date:** Saturday, December 16, 2017

**Time:** 11:00—2:00 p.m., Schulte's Fresh Foods Parking Lot

**Cos:** \$9 per meal

**Meal:** Pork Steak or Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, and bread

**Tickets:** text/call Lori Bonnot, 573-645-1840 or email [mrsatrikop@gmail.com](mailto:mrsatrikop@gmail.com)

Organized by Claire Bonnot, graduate of St. Joseph Cathedral School, currently a sophomore at Helias Catholic High School. Thank you for your support!

## DONUT DRIVE-THRU

**Tuesday mornings 7:00-8:00 a.m. December 12 & 19!**

Schulte's Glazed Donuts: \$9/dozen in the drive-thru Individual donuts sold for \$1 each in front of school. Pre-order dozens by going to [donuts4rome@heliascatholic.com](mailto:donuts4rome@heliascatholic.com) or <https://goo.gl/forms/uMugQjpyBsmXIAXH2>. Orders are due by 8:00 a.m. of the preceding Monday. Pick up your donuts during drop off on Tuesday mornings at Helias. Conveniently take donuts to the office, look like a hero, and help the Helias Latin students traveling to Rome all at the same time! Proceeds go toward Helias Latin students' trip to Rome summer 2018!

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for two loving and caring people who would be interested in caring for a Cathedral parishioner for two different shifts. Please contact Ellen at 573-415-7447.

**Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home Career Opportunity** Helping Families Through Prearrangement Service. Seeking a caring individual, willing to have important conversations with families. Support includes appointment setting assistance and training. Please call Ashley Mance at 971-713-3380 or Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home at 573-893-5251.

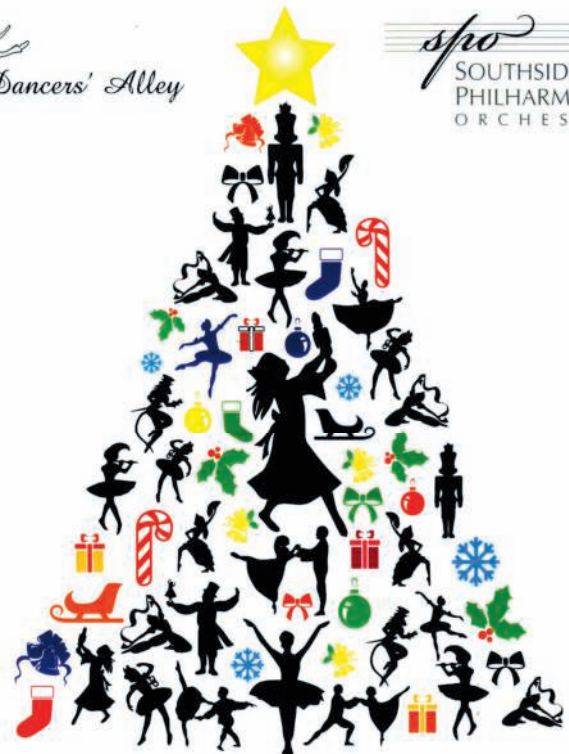
A Cathedral family is currently looking for an in-home **Child Care Provider** to care for a three-month-old Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting in January 2018. Please call Karyn at (618)-946-0401 if you, or someone you know, is interested!

## FAMILIES IN NEED PROGRAM

**FAMILIES IN NEED:** Items requested for **December 12** delivery: **Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Dish Soap.** Please place in provided containers at all exits of the Cathedral. Thank you for your continued support!

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us. That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that. God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that. Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord."—[catholicsteward.com](http://catholicsteward.com)



## THE NUTCRACKER 2017

December 16, 7:00 pm - December 17, 2:00 pm - Miller Performing Arts Center  
Ticket Information: 573 635 6610

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