

THIRD SUNDAY

of Advent

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH

2215 WEST MAIN STREET • JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65109

DECEMBER 11, 2016

**MAKE YOUR HEARTS FIRM, BECAUSE THE
COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND!**

To all our visitors...

Bishop 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	Vacant	645-2008
Baptism Preparation	Deacon Christopher Baker	636-8935	Knights of Columbus	Mr. Doug Smentkowski	636-0419
Bereavement Committee	Mrs. Donna Kuebler	893-6313	Ladies Auxiliary	Mrs. Arlene Taylor	893-6281
Boy Scouts	Mr. Denis Gladbach	634-2864	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 Jim Kliethermes	893-7872	Nursing Home Visitation	Ms. Lois Fairchild	636-2558
	Mr. Fred Kummer	636-7939	Parish Association	Vacant	
	Mr. Bill Luebbert	635-8060	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	Samaritan Center Board	Mr. Bernie Fechtel	893-6400
Cub Scouts	Mr. Larry Schulte	690-9449		Mr. Roger Dudenhoeffer	893-8483
Cursillo	Mr. Brian Johnson	636-5319		Mr. Don Schnieders	893-5990
Director of Music	Mr. Thomas Halpin	635-7991		(Member at Large)	
Divine Worship & Spiritual			School Board President	Mrs. Lori Buchanon	
Development Committee	Monsignor Kurwicki	635-7991	School Principal	Mr. Spencer L. Allen	635-5024
Divorce Assistance Group	Mr. Lucas Knipp	353-4046	Secular Franciscan Order	Mr. Patrick Smith, OFS	592-1972
Edge Youth Program	Mrs. Julie Gramlich	644-4965	Special Event Dinners	Mrs. Janice Houser	636-9842
Episcopal Servers	Fr. Joshua Duncan	635-7991	St. Brigid Quilters	Mrs. Rosana Weidinger	893-3493
Eucharistic Adoration	Mr. John Poepsel	893-8173	Steering Committee	Monsignor Kurwicki	635-7991
Extraordinary Ministers			Stewardship Committee	Mr. Joseph Boland	761-4890
of Holy Communion	Fr. Joshua Duncan	635-7991	Ushers	Mr. Bob Asahl	584-8010
Finance Council	Vacant		Vocation Committee	Mrs. Ginny Bockwinkel	893-7979
Funeral Luncheon	Mrs. Pat Dowd	635-4507	Welcoming Committee	Mrs. Amanda Geiger	635-7991
Girl Scouts	Vacant		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.

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.

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.



Jefferson City, Missouri

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 11 (Third Sunday of Advent)
 7:00 a.m. Helen Voss
 9:00 a.m. Andrew Barry Family
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Monday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
 6:30 a.m. Mary Jane Holterman
 8:00 a.m. Sheri Buchanan

Tuesday, December 13 (St. Lucy)
 6:30 a.m. Pat Hall
 8:00 a.m. L&D Members of the Daughters of Isabella

Wednesday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross)
 6:30 a.m. Phyllis Heidrich
 8:00 a.m. Bobby Burks

Thursday, December 15
 6:30 a.m. Thomas Buel
 8:00 a.m. Ken Distler

Friday, December 16
 6:30 a.m. M/M Frank Rackers
 8:00 a.m. Margaret & Carl Trippensee

Saturday, December 17 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 5:30 p.m. Sarah Dungan

Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Robert Browy
 9:00 a.m. Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Harold Kempker

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 07/1/16-6/30/17	\$	2,507,483.50
Budget Goal per Month	\$	208,956.96
Weekly Goal	\$	48,220.84
<u>Collection</u>		
December 4	\$	58,818.64
December 11	\$	
December 18	\$	
December 25	\$	
To date for December	\$	58,818.64
Budget Goal 07/01/16 - 12/4/2016	\$	1,109,079.32
Sunday Collection 07/01/16 - 12/4/2016	\$	1,034,906.82
Difference	\$	-74,172.50

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

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



If you would like to make a donation for flowers at Christmas time in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope with your name and the name(s) of those you would like remembered, and place in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the parish office.

THIS COMING WEEK

12/11 Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m. School Commons
School Christmas Concerts, 1:00 & 3:00 p.m., Cathedral & Undercroft
Vespers, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral
Samaritan Center Second Collection Weekend
Scouts Recycle Weekend

12/12 Samaritan Center Christmas Baskets, All Day, Undercroft
St. Monica MOMS, 9:00 a.m., Mary Room & St. Joseph Room
Centering Prayers, 12:10 p.m., Chapel
RCIA, 6:30 p.m., School

12/13 Samaritan Center Christmas Baskets, All Day, Undercroft
Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m., School
EDGE, 2:00 p.m., Undercroft
School Faculty Christmas Party, 2:00 p.m., Rectorry
Advisory School Board, 6:00 p.m., St. Joseph Room
Confessions, 6:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
Confessions, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrews, Holts Summit
Home and School Board, 7:00 p.m., Mary Room
Schola, 6:30 p.m., Bishop Marling Room

12/14 Samaritan Center Christmas Baskets, All Day, Undercroft
Priests/Music Director Mtg, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office
K of C Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Chancery
Adult Choir, 7:00 p.m. Bishop Marling Room & Cathedral
Confessions, 7:00 p.m., St. Michael, Russellville/ St. Martin, St. Martin/St Margaret, Osage Bend
PSR, 7:00 p.m., School Commons

12/15 Quilters, 8:45 a.m., Bishop Marling Room
Pastor/Principal Mtg, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office
Three Pastors Mtg, 1:00 p.m., St. Peter
Challenger Club, 6:30 p.m., School Commons
Dumb Ox, 7:00 p.m., Prison Brews
Handbells, 7:00 p.m., Bishop Marling Room
Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

12/16 Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Parish Office

12/17 Men's Prayer Group, 7:00a.m., Bishop Marling Room
Franciscan Secular Order, 9:45 a.m., St. Joseph Room
Confessions, 4:00 p.m., Cathedral

12/18 Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m. School Commons
Joyful Noise, 9:15 a.m. Undercroft
Confessions, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral
Vespers, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

PRAYING TOWARD NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

CSA 2017 UPDATE

The goal of the Diocese is \$2,000,000. Our Cathedral goal is \$212,000 of which 201,024 or 94.8% from 318 donors has been donated. Thank you!





December 11, 2016

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who gather in our Cathedral Church for the **Third Sunday of Advent & Vespers**

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 **Immaculate Conception, Montgomery City**.

CATHEDRAL HOURS, for your convenience, the Cathedral doors are open on weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours. Please stop by for a visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament. Jesus calls you!

PRAYER LINE - If you are sick, or know of someone who is, and would like to be added to the parish prayer line, **please call the parish office (573) 635-7991**.

COLD AND FLU SEASON - As the time of the year for colds and flu is here, if you are ill, please be considerate of others at the sign of peace and receiving the Blood of Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS to who was baptized in the Cathedral last weekend!

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items to be placed in the **Sunday, December 25** and **January 1** bulletins must be received by **3:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, December 15**. If you have any questions regarding the Cathedral bulletin, please contact Amanda Geiger in the Parish Office at: info@cathedraljc.org or (573) 635-7991.

THE VERB

by Msgr. Kurwicky

Advent is a great, short liturgical season. Spending only four weeks in preparation for an event that is “yet to come,” but “already present,” challenges us to delve ever deeper into the mystery of Incarnation. As a community of faith we are called to find something new in each Advent season, rather than go through the options of repeating something that has grown old and tired through centuries of repetition.

In late Advent, we are challenged to breathe new life and contemporary meanings into ancient texts such as the church’s seven great “O Antiphons”. Dating from the eight and ninth centuries, these prayerful poem-song jewels address the coming and already-among-us Messiah. These Scripture-based prayers emerged from a mix of Jewish and Christian faith communities fear, impatience and glimmering hope. They invoke Jesus by various magnificent titles passed to us in both the Old and New testament, and they prod us, disciples of today, to expand our view of “God-with-us.” On the last seven days before Christmas, we pray:

(December 17) O Wisdom, O Sapientia, Who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and to ordering all things mightily and sweetly, **COME**, and teach us the way of salvation.

(December 18) O Lord, O Adonai, And Leader of the house of Israel, **COME**, and with outstretched arms redeem us.

(December 20) O Key of David, O Clavis David, And Scepter of the House of Israel, **COME**, and bring forth from his prison the captive that sitteth in the darkness and the shadow of death.

(December 21) O Radiant Dawn, O Oriens, Brightness of the light eternal, **COME**, and enlighten them that sit in darkness and the shadow death.

(December 22) O King of the Nations, O Rex Gentium, And the desired to them, **COME**, and deliver man who though didst form out of the dust of the earth.

(December 23) God-with-Us, O Emmanuel, God with us our King and Lawgiver, the expected of all nations, **COME**, and save us, O LORD our GOD.

Tomorrow, I will be!

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 building program, your gift may be very timely for both you and the Cathedral. God Bless You!!

LAMINATED GIVING ENVELOPES

You will notice in the pews a green, laminated card for those who donated electronically. These can be picked up and used to teach our youth the importance of stewardship.



Jefferson City, Missouri

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

CENTERING PRAYER will meet next on **December 12** 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 at 7:00 p.m. to pray the Most Holy Rosary in the daily Mass Chapel.

ULTREYA: The Jefferson City Area Ultreya will meet at St. Francis Xavier in Taos on **January 9** at **7:00 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 **32** people last weekend.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES 2016

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 13	St. Stanislaus at Wardsville	6:30 p.m.
December 13	St. Andrew at Holts Summit	7:00 p.m.
December 13	St. Thomas Moore Newman Center at Columbia	7:00 p.m.
December 14	St. Michael at Russellville	7:00 p.m.
December 14	St. Martin at St. Martin	7:00 p.m.
December 14	St. Margaret’s at Osage Bend	7:00 p.m.
December 18	Cathedral	2:00 p.m.
December 19	Immaculate Conception	7:00 p.m.
December 20	St. Peter	7:00 p.m.

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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. Wayne M. Boyer, Owensville/Belle, Sr. Virginia Klesner, SSND, Lake Ozark, Deacon Joseph Braddock, Jefferson City, Seminarian Mr. T. J. Hagenhoff, Conception Seminary College. The Diocese has 7 Seminarians.**

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 7/8**. Join us!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Pope Francis

ON YOUR PRIESTLY
ORDINATION

47 YEARS

December 13, 1969

&

on your **80th** Birthday

December 17, 1936

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the Priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the Priest wears rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas. For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

CHRISTMAS MASS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 P.M., 9:00 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT

(COME AT 8:30 P.M. TO JOIN IN SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22,

AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27



December 11, 2016

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

LECTORS

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. Dena Brand, Rose Mengwasser
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Phillip Pitts
 9:00 a.m. DeAnne Rickabaugh, Sandra Hentges
 11:00 a.m. Jordan Wright, John Sennott

SERVERS

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. Blake Kirsch, Stephanie Dallmeyer, Jacob Watson, Josie Starr
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Unfilled Positions
 9:00 a.m. Joseph Kuster, Jacob Hoelscher, David Cepeda, Unfilled Position
 11:00 a.m. Braden Wright, Madison Stoll, Emily Houser, Veronica Swan

USHERS

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. Rich Lukacs, Stuart Howser, mark Mercurio, Jeffrey Wilson
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Bob Asahl, Raymond Caspari, Denis Gladbach, Unfilled Position
 9:00 a.m. Brad Dobbs, Roger Brauner, Joseph Denkler, Todd Scherr
 11:00 a.m. Dominic Varcho, Philip Rockers, Scott Thieret, Anthony Mengwasser

GIFT FAMILY

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. Curtis Rackers
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Neal Matheis
 9:00 a.m. Luke Prenger
 11:00 a.m. Jennifer Busby

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. John Poepsel, Kenneth Rowan, Richard Hyleck, Linda Bolin, Jeffrey Cowley, Julie Gramlich
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Judith Lewis, Lana Herbert, Daniel Schuette, Richard McCarty, Patrick Woods, Don Schnieders, Unfilled position
 9:00 a.m. Marilyn Seaton, Thomas Imhoff, Marsha Hayes, Joseph Scherr, Andrea Olsen, Leigh Ann Torres, Sr. Julie Brandt
 11:00 a.m. Fred Kummer, David Lankford, Ron Schnieders, Michael Newberry, Ginger Hunter, Cynthia Henderson, Kimie Bax

GREETERS

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, Melanie Walsh, Morgan Ditch, Susan Ditch, Susan Schulte
December 18
 7:00 a.m. Anne Maher, John Mertens
 9:00 a.m. Jennifer Bond, Julie McElwaine, Keith McElwaine, Dawn Cavanaugh
 11:00 a.m. John Jurgovan, Margaret Jurgovan, Maxine Walker, Unfilled position

MUSIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 17
 5:30 p.m. Dewayne Carver, Tom Halpin
Sunday, December 18
 7:00 a.m. Dennis Kroll, Janet Theby, Tom Halpin
 9:00 a.m. Gladbach Family Singers, Scott Sellner
 11:00 a.m. Joyful Noise, Matt Tolksdorf

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS www.kofc12992.com



THE DOOR IS OPEN - Knights 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.

Calling future Knights – All Catholic men 18 years or older are called to a life of service and no man is too busy to be an active Knight of Columbus. Giving just one full day a year to our activities can make an enormous difference in your life. By spending just 24 hours with us you will be able to serve your parish and help those in need right here in Jefferson City and elsewhere while growing your faith. If you are not yet a member or are a former member, please consider joining or rejoining before year-end to receive a waiver toward 2017 dues. We have a business & fellowship meeting the second Wednesday of every month and our dues are less than \$40 per year. Our next induction ceremony is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Catholic Center; to be followed by a meal and our business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Candidates should plan to arrive about 30 minutes beforehand to complete the registration process. Please contact Rich Anderson (659-3523) for more information.

December 21, Officers meeting in the Bride's/Cry Room at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 25, Christmas Day, may the Lord be with you! All of the good works done by the Knights of Columbus are guided by four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. God Bless the Catholic Church, the United States of America and Israel where Jesus was born.

LADIES AUXILIARY The next meeting is on **January 5, at 6:30 p.m.** We will have an early start with our soup, dessert and a guest speaker. Guests are welcome! Contact Arlene Taylor, (573) 893-6281 with any questions.

PARISH RESOURCE DIRECTORIES

The 2017 Cathedral Resource Books are now available in the back of the Cathedral. Please take one for yourself and for a shut-in! Thank you to our donors: Harold G. Butzer INC, JCL Hardwood Floors LLC, Kate & Ally's NY Pizzeria, Jaegers Lawn Care, Frank Schrimpf Plumbing, Bee at Home LLC, Millard Family Funeral Chapels, Dulle Trimble Funeral Home, Tyler M. Woods Funeral Director, Ecowater Systems, and Missouri Builders Service.

2016 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Assessment for the Seminarians and Retired Priests for our parish is **\$24,600**. A collection will be taken at all the Christmas Masses. This collection assists our **7 Seminarians** and the **17 Retired Priests** of our diocese including some who are connected with the Cathedral. The monthly paycheck and insurance premiums for **Fr. Richard Cronin** and **Fr. Fred Elskamp**, our former rectors, **Fr. Tom McGrath** and **Fr. Clarence Wiederholt**, our gracious volunteers, come from your donations. Please be generous at Christmas.

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!



Jefferson City, Missouri

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The December XLT has been changed from **December 11 to December 21, 8:00—9:00 p.m.** in the Catholic Center. All are welcome!

The youth will be cooking and serving at the Salvation Army **December 28 3:15-5:45 p.m.** Since this is during the Christmas break if you and your student would like to join us for this great Act of Kindness please call Julie at 573-644-4965. Last month we served over 50 people.

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS sjcsmo.org

Please respond to Mrs. Jennie Busby at: jbusby@sjcsmo.org if your child is available to serve any of the following Masses. Servers need to arrive to the Cathedral at least thirty minutes prior to the start of Mass to prepare. Thank you! **Christmas Day 12/25:** 8:00 a.m. 3-5 Servers needed. 10:00 a.m. 3-5 Servers needed.

Christmas Spirit Week 2016

Monday, December 19: Pay \$1 (or more) to wear pajamas and cuddle up with a good book. (donations to benefit the Cassmeyer family A letter from Mr. Cassmeyer's wife Rebecca explaining their personnel journey with Lyme's disease can be viewed here..)

Tuesday, December 20: Students may dress down in Christmas attire. Red, green, accessories, sweaters, be FESTIVE!

Wednesday, December 21: Baby Shower for Jesus (Diaper and wipe collection for St. Raymond's) Drop off items near the Nativity prior to the 8:00 All School Mass.

RETRouvaille

YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

SAMARITAN CENTER TAX ASSISTANCE

The Samaritan Center provides free tax assistance for low-income individuals and families in our community. The tax program will run from **February 1st through April 12th Monday - Friday.** For the tax year 2015 the tax assistance program helped to prepare over 630 returns. This year we will be using TurboTax and TaxSlayer software. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with the tax assistance program or have any questions, please call the Samaritan Center, (573) 634-7776 and ask for Denise or email, denise@midmosamaritan.org

YOU CAN FIND THE BULLETIN AND
CURRENT MONTH CALENDAR ONLINE AT:

www.cathedraljc.org

FAMILIES IN NEED PROGRAM

FAMILIES IN NEED: Items requested for **December 13** 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!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2016

March for Life takes place **January 25 thru 28** The forms may be found on the Diocese website, <http://www.diojeffcity.org> search for 'March for Life'. Please fill out and return as directed. Also, be sure to email Julie Gramlich at, Julie.g@cathedraljc.org to submit your name for a “travel pack” donated by the American Heritage Girls. **Sign up today, all are welcome! REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE TO DIOCESE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 12!**

SEEKING CHRIST FOR OUR NATION

MASS SCHEDULE

December 6—6:30 p.m. St. George, Linn
December 20—6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home
January 2—6:30 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
January 3—6:30 p.m. St. George, Linn
January 17—6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



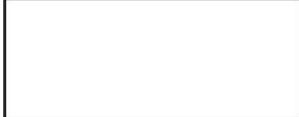

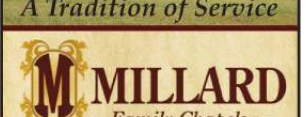
All are invited to the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Peter Church on **Sunday, December 11: Mass in Spanish at 1:00 p.m.** followed by a dramatization of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego. A potluck meal will follow in Fr. Ahren's Room. At 10:30 p.m. there will be an outdoor procession and singing of Las Mañanitas followed by Mass in church at 11:15 p.m. Annunciation Church in California will have the feast day Mass on **December 12 at 6:00 p.m.**

BOOK GIVE AWAY UPDATE

Last weekend our annual Christmas Book, “Understanding the Mass,” was passed out to parishioners at all of the Masses. Our hope is to allow for a more meaningful preparation and better understanding of the treasure of Mass during the Advent season. If you were not at any of our Masses, do not worry, these books will also be passed out at all of the Christmas Masses. What a wonderful way to pass on the gift of faith to our community!

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