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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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.

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.



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)
 7:00 a.m. Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Noel Caspari
 11:00 a.m. Mary & Richard O'Brien

Monday, December 18
 6:30 a.m. William Schayot
 8:00 a.m. Joyce Kummer

Tuesday, December 19
 6:30 a.m. Dee Jones
 8:00 a.m. L&D of the Adolph & Anna Neuner Family

Wednesday, December 20
 6:30 a.m. L&D of the Gene & Angie Arras Family
 8:00 a.m. Harold Welch

Thursday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius)
 6:30 a.m. Joe Goedde
 8:00 a.m. Darlene Bonnot

Friday, December 22
 6:30 a.m. Dorothy & Helen Herbrandt
 8:00 a.m. L&D of the Buechter & Morris Families

Saturday, December 23 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 5:30 p.m. Sarah Dungan

Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Margie A. Schneiders
 9:00 a.m. Margaret Dendiger
 11:00 a.m. Hollaway & Herzing Families

Christmas Eve
 5:30 p.m. Mary Ellen & Edmund Kues
 9:00 p.m. Frank Kempker, Parishioners
 12:00 a.m. L&D of the Devereaux Family

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)
 8:00 a.m. L&D of the Leary & Vogel Families
 10:00 a.m. Larry Nobbman

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
Collection		
December 3	\$	46,062.12
December 10	\$	53,991.82
December 17	\$	
December 24	\$	
December 31	\$	
To date for December	\$	100,053.94
Budget Goal Year to Date	\$	1,192,019.14
Sunday Collection Year to Date	\$	1,212,028.08
Difference	\$	+20,008.94
Samaritan Center Second Collection	\$	3,648.98
Holy Day, December 8 Collection	\$	642.00

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

THIS COMING WEEK

12/17 Third Sunday of Advent
 Confirmation Class, 9:00 .m. School Commons
 Joyful Noise, 9:15 a.m., Undercroft
Cathedral Penance Service, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Vespers 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

12/18 Centering Prayers, 12:10 p.m., Chapel
 Advent Program K-5, 6:00p.m., Cathedral/Undercroft
 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., School
 St. Peter Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.,
 Understanding the Bible, 7:00 p.m., Mary Room

12/19 Finance Council, 6:00 p.m., Parish Office
 Schola Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Cathedral/BMR
 Parish Council, 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph Room
 Immaculate Conception Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

12/20 Priests/Music Director Mtg, 9:00 p.m., Parish Office
 Deacons' Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Parish Office
 Adult Choir, 7:00pm, Cathedral/Bishop Marling Room
 K of C Officers Meeting 7:00 p.m., Bride's Room
 PSR, 7:00 p.m., School
 St. Martin Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.

12/21 NO School—Christmas Break Until January 4
 Quilters, 8:45 a.m., Bishop Marling Room
 Parish Office Closes at NOON
 Tap in to Faith, 6:30 p.m., Prison Brews
 Annunciation Penance Service 7:00 p.m., California
 Hand Bell Choir, 7:00 p.m., Bishop Marling Room
 Rosary, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

12/22 NO School—Christmas Break Until January 4
 Parish Office Closed
 Baptism, 5:00 p.m., Cathedral

12/23 Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 a.m., Bishop Marling Room
 Marian Movement Group, 9:45 a.m., Bride's Room
 Confessions, 4:00 p.m., Cathedral
 Seminarian Formation and Priest Retirement
 Second Collection Weekend

12/24 Christmas Eve
 Sunday Masses, 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.
 Boy Scouts Setup Chairs, 1:00 p.m., Cathedral
Christmas Eve Masses, 5:30pm, 9:00pm, & 12:00am

12/25 Christmas Day Masses, 8:00am & 10:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

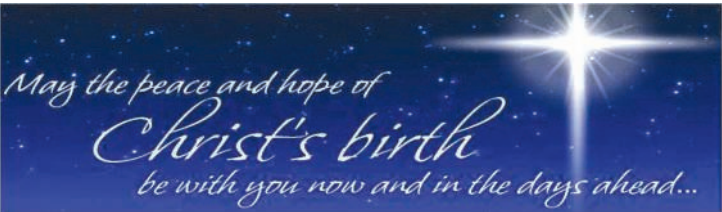
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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 17, 2017

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all who gather in our Cathedral Church for the **Third Sunday of Advent and Penance Service.**

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, Jefferson City.**

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.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE: The Cathedral Parish Family extends its sympathy and prayers to the families of **Al Schwartze**, brother of Mary Jane Luebbering, **Carmelita Grafe**, grandmother of Spencer Allen, **Sally, Cezem** mother of Dawn Whelan, and **Joseph Doyle.** May they have eternal rest in their heavenly home and may the Lord give comfort and peace to their loved ones who mourn their loss.

CONGRATULATIONS: **Maryn Simon** and **Ethan George** who were baptized in the Cathedral last weekend!

CSA 2018 UPDATE



"One Faith, One Family."

Our Cathedral goal is **\$215,000!** So far the Cathedral has raised **\$211,501** from **323** parishioners or **98.37%**.

The Diocese goal is **\$2,040,000** and **\$1,727,723.75** or **84.69%** 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!!

2018 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

The Cathedral Family extends its gratitude to **Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home**, for again providing the free 2018 Catholic calendars. The calendars are available in the back of the Cathedral. Please take one per family. Take some for shut ins!

SEMINARIANS CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

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!

2017 CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Assessment for the Seminarians and Retired Priests for our parish is **\$20,907**. 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**, **Fr. Patrick Shortt**, **Msgr. Michael Wilbers**, and **Fr. Fred Elskamp**, our former rectors, **Fr. Tom McGrath**, **Fr. Clarence Wiederholt**, **Msgr. Donald Lammers**, and **Fr. Rich Frank**, come from your donations. Please be generous.

ADAMS PLACE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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

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Jefferson City, Missouri

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

CENTERING PRAYER will meet next on **December 18** 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 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.

ADVENT VESPERS:

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 26 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.

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.**

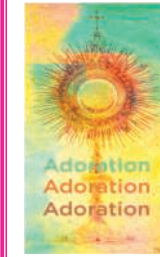
2018 CONFIRMATION

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

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. J. James Offutt, Centralia, Sr. Peggy Bonnot, CCVI, Jefferson City, Deacon John A. Schwartze, Jefferson City, & Seminarian Mr. Matthew Lorang, 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!



"If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome him, but he remains hidden in the Sacred Host. He is calling us to faith so we may come to adore Him in humility." - Unknown author. **Contact John Poepsel, (573) 893-8173 to sign up for a hour with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel.**

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 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.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Bishop John R. Gaydos

**ON YOUR PRIESTLY
ORDINATION**

49 YEARS

DECEMBER 20, 1968



December 17, 2017

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

GIFT FAMILY

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Mark Hillstrom
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Kerri Tesreau
 9:00 a.m. Thomas Oakes
 11:00 a.m. Steven Byers
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Karyn Liebler
 9:00 p.m. Priest Selection
Midnight Patrick Bonnot
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Angie Stonner
 10:00 a.m. Priest Selection

LECTORS

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Benita Dallmeyer, Unfilled Position
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Jeffrey Ogden
 9:00 a.m. Charlotte Wening, Dena Brand
 11:00 a.m. Ron Schnieders, John Sennott
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Heidi Vollet, Laurie Harding
 9:00 p.m. Norman Weavers, Liz Kliethermes
Midnight Marilyn Seaton, Jay Armistead
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Jacob Crider, Gene Vogel
 10:00 a.m. Richard Morrisey, Dena Brand

MUSIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Tom Halpin, Mary Kabiri
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Tina Sellner, Scott Sellner
 9:00 a.m. Dennis Kroll, Tom Halpin
 11:00 a.m. Noah Newberry, Tom Halpin
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Cathedral Children's Choir, Tom Halpin
 9:00 p.m. Cathedral Choir, Annette Kehner
Midnight Tom Halpin, Barbara Odneal
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Tina Sellner, Scott Sellner
 10:00 a.m. Tom Halpin, Mary Kabiri

GREETERS

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Karen Haar, Nicole Hackmann, James Smith, Melissa Smith
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Verna Luebbert, William Luebbert
 9:00 a.m. Amy Kempker, Jeffrey Wolters, Kelli Wolters, Lori Antweiler
 11:00 a.m. Leslie Broker, Michael Broker, Teresa Fritz, Margaret Jurgovan
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Carey Brooks, Help Needed
 9:00 p.m. Lisa Palmer, John Vignola, Help Needed
Midnight Julie Morris, Help Needed
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Harold Lepper, Margaret Thoenen, Help Needed
 10:00 a.m. Joey Stratman, Ruth Ann Stratman, Help Needed

EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Linda Bolin, Marsha Hayes, Judy Magee, Tammy Meyer, Donald Stokes, Rebecca Stokes, Michael Suresh
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Lois Bonnot, Diane Hatcher, Lana Herbert, Alan Mengwasser, Alfred Meyer, Bernadette Meyer, Tammy Ogden
 9:00 a.m. Paul Oligschlaeger, Maureen Quinn, Anne Rapp, Marilyn Seaton, Colette Tallman, Mary Walsh, Carrie Wilson
 11:00 a.m. Denise Barnes, Keith Dudenhoefter, Cynthia Henderson, Ginger Hunter, Michael Newberry, Jill Peters
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Linda Bolin, Kevin Vollet, Jane Verry, Help Needed
 9:00 p.m. Barbara Falotico, Help Needed
Midnight Marilyn Seaton, Denise Barnes, Jill Peters, Help Needed
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Anna Crider, Help Needed
 10:00 a.m. David Talken, Sharon Talken, Carol Meyer, Chandra Prasad, Colette Tellman, Michael Wilson, Jane Ledbetter

SERVERS

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Stacie Brester, Stephanie Dallmeyer, Sydney Drinkard, Cristian Prasad
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Sara Ogden, Sofie Ogden
 9:00 a.m. Burke Bauer, Sydney Dunmire, Olivia Stith
 11:00 a.m. Lindley Buchanan, Kayden Kummer, Jacob Lanigan, Jonah Lanigan
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Elliot Vollet, Matthew Malmstrom, AJ Brooks
 9:00 p.m. Kaitlyn Palmer, Jacob Lanigan, Jonah Lanigan, Philip Knox, Davis Linhardt
Midnight Truman Bonnot, Help Needed
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Help Needed
 10:00 a.m. Ava Morrisey, Mary Morrisey, Cristian Prasad

USHERS

Saturday, December 23
 5:30 p.m. Mark Mercurio, Roger Owens, Steven Rackers
Sunday, December 24
 7:00 a.m. Bob Asahl, Denis Gladbach, James Hatcher, Terry Jarrett
 9:00 a.m. Tim Burmeister, Joseph Loethen, Paul Mengwasser, Todd Scherr
 11:00 a.m. David Lanigan, Jonathan Browning, Tom Eggen, Thomas Kummer
Christmas Masses
 5:30 p.m. Tyler Schubert, Tom Verry, Sam Verry, Bruce Bax
 9:00 p.m. Help Needed
Midnight Michael Barnes, Help Needed
Monday, December 25
 8:00 a.m. Harold Lepper, Help Needed
 10:00 a.m. Joey Stratman, Ruth Ann Stratman, Help Needed

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!



CONGRATULATIONS!
Fr. Clarence Wiederholt
 ON YOUR RPIESTLY ORDINATION
62 YEARS
 DECEMBER 21, 1955





Jefferson City, Missouri

FAMILIES IN NEED PROGRAM

FAMILIES IN NEED: Items requested for **January 9** delivery: **Canned Pasta/Ravioli, Pudding Cups, Jelly, Cookies Toilet Paper.** Please place in provided containers at all exits of the Cathedral. Thank you for your continued support!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Helias students, if you are interested in being on the Luke 18 retreat team this year, we will begin our meetings **Sunday December 31** at **noon** in the Mary room. Please contact Julie Gramlich at 673-644-4965.

7th Grade parents please look for a letter with registration for the 7th grade Luke 18 retreat being held here at the Cathedral this March. This is for all 7th grade students and is presented by the Helias students. Forms will also be on the Cathedral website January 1.

Last Tuesday the junior high got to hear Ann Bax with United Way speak about the United Way and why it's an important for our community. They also listened to Stephanie Johnson with the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City speak about the organization and how it came to be such an important part of our community as well. Our focus this year with the students is to open their minds up to the various organizations which help our community to reach out to those in need. James 2:20 "faith apart from works is dead".

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".**

EPIPHANY BENEFIT CONCERT

Looking for the perfect way to end the season? Come to the second annual "Epiphany Concert: Farewell to Christmas" **7:00 p.m., Saturday, January 6** (following 5:30 p.m. Mass) at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia. The over 30 singers and instrumentalists of the Our Lady of Lourdes Contemporary Group will perform music ranging from the Renaissance motet "O Magnum Mysterium" to contemporary seasonal pieces. You'll also be invited to join in a singalong of beloved carols. The concert and reception are free; a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the St. Raymond Society. Call Kate at (573) 449-8342 with questions.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

A key facet of stewardship has always been personal witness. Today's readings deal in large part with the witness of John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist, according to historians, was a few months older than Jesus. It is also generally accepted that he began preaching about six months before Jesus came to him to be baptized and to begin His ministry. St. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. John the Baptist, through personal witness, raised a great sense of expectancy and excitement, the kind of expectancy and excitement that we associate with this season of Advent. John tries to awaken in people a consciousness of sin, the importance of conversion and change, and the need to become more holy in God's eyes. Those are the same goals we should have during this Advent season. The matter of witness is a serious and important thing. It establishes truth and a solid foundation for faith. When we personally witness, it means we make a commitment. We cannot be neutral when it comes to our faith. We are called to be disciples, witnesses of and for Christ. We best accomplish that by the ways we live our own lives and how we relate to and treat others. Jesus can meet our every need. Now is the time for us to accept that and to place our total trust in Him. We can do that best by making our own commitment to be His disciple, a witness to Who He is and what He means to us and all people.-catholicsteward.com

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5th Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass – December 31 is the 5th Sunday of the month and the Knights will fill all of the liturgical ministries at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact Steve Meystrik (761-9241) if you are interested in assisting.

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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.

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