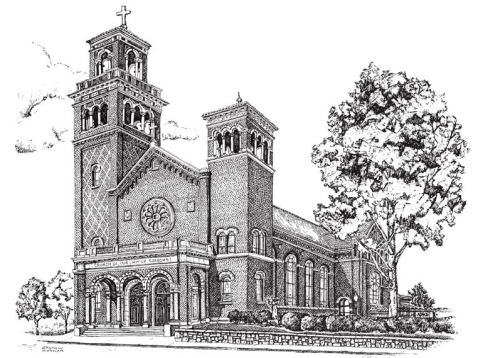


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C hristmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve—4:00pm Mass. Carols starting at 3:30pm
Traditional Midnight Mass with Candlelight
Procession. Carols start at 11:30pm**

Christmas Day—10:00am Mass

New Year's Day—Feast of Mary, Mother of God. 10:00am Mass

Pastoral Thoughts

Today the Church celebrates the third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. It means to have a cause for joy. And what is this cause for joy? Remember that the season of Advent has two parts: the first reminding us that as we begin a new Church year of grace, that we are people of Advent. We are as we pray at Mass, "waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." Then starting on December 17th, we prepare to celebrate the first coming of our Lord, the solemnity of Christmas.

But how should we approach this "cause for joy?" By realizing that God has given us the freedom to love, trust, and believe in him, and his Son, whom he has sent to redeem us. And we possess this freedom in direct proportion that we trust in our heavenly Father.

Everything in our spiritual life comes back to the theological virtue of faith. How deeply within our heart & soul that we truly believe in what God has revealed to us, and how strongly we put this faith into daily use.

So, what is our cause during this Advent season to have joy? Hopefully to begin the new year of grace trusting that Christ will return one day in all his glory with the angels, and as we wait in joyful hope, that we live, not just this holy season, but the whole year, trusting in Jesus, believing in his gospel message of salvation, and loving him, who has loved us first.

Happy Advent!
Deacon Mike

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, your gender, or your gender identification, we are happy you are here with us today to worship! We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Masses 8:00 & 11:00 am

Weekdays

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 11:00 am

DECEMBER 15, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 14—3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Healy, Hoedl & Hiller Families

MONDAY, December 16—Advent Weekday

Noon † Elia Ibarra & Richard Ibarra, spec, int.

TUESDAY, December 17—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † JoAnn Holden

WEDNESDAY, December 18—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † John B. Hiller

THURSDAY, December 19—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † Clarine Dolson

FRIDAY, December 20—Late Advent Weekday

Noon †

SATURDAY, December 21—4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Richard & Manny Segura

SUNDAY, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Jacob Armstrong

11:00 am OLOS Parishioners

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for daily and weekend Masses. Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased. 816.421.2112.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Earl Jones, Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Sue Remkus, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Teresa Bradskey, Judy Dale, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, and Jerry Gumminger

Volunteers

12/14-15	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	Tammy Papreck	Stephen Bulley	Tess Robbins Time Healy
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Randolph Lynette Wheeler	Elizabeth Boser Emily Tylski	Rick Grindel Volunteer
Servers	Tom Papreck	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

12/21-22	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto	Rick Grindel Allan Schaff
Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Randolph G. Weatherford	Emily Tylski Ruth Rider-Seck	Kathryn Blundell Sylvia Gutierrez
Servers	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	David Mettman
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens Pat Tangen Debbie Tangen	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Mel Hogan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:106a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Baptism and Marriage ~ Call for appointment

Parish Calendar of Events

- **December 15—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** at 11am Mass, refreshments in the Hall.
- **December 15—Catholic Hope Group**—2-4pm in Hall
- **December 16—Knights of Columbus**—6:30pm Hall
- **December 17—Water Garden Society**—5-9pm Hall
- **December 21—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 22—Church Decorating for Christmas**—Noon meet in the church. Lunch Provided.
- **December 24 & 25—Office will be Closed**
- **December 24—Christmas Eve**—Join us at either 3:30pm for carols followed by **4:00pm Mass** or 11:30pm for carols followed by a *traditional Midnight Mass with candlelight procession.*
- **December 25—Christmas Day**—10:00am Mass
- **December 28—Weddings** at 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- **December 30—Mass at Noon.**
- **December 31—NO Noon Mass/Offices Closed**
- **January 1—Mary, Mother of God**—Mass at 10am
- **January 1—Offices Closed**
- **January 3—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group**—6:30pm – 9:30pm Meets in the Hall.
- **January 3—Wedding** at 3:00pm
- **January 4 & 5—Catholic Key Subscription Collection**
- **January 8—Knights of Columbus** meeting at 6:30pm in the Hall
- **January 11—Wedding** at 1:30pm

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events

Flowers for Christmas

At the entrances to church, you will find an envelope for Flowers for Christmas. If you have someone, you would like to remember this Christmas, please enter the names on the envelope and return it through the collection to the office by December 18th. The flowers purchased will be placed in the sanctuary at Christmas and the names of your loved ones will appear in this bulletin and next weekend's bulletin.



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our born in December!

Pat Battaglia, Janice Bonat, Andelina Creedon, Angus Dwyer, Michael Gillis, Jim Kopfensteiner, Robert Lamkey, Nancy Lowdon, Madison Mettman, Tom Papreck, Tara Podrecca-Collins, Jarod Scheve, Judy Stevens, Debbie Tangen, Tina Tidwell-Wurth, Linda Turner, Sullivan Tylski, Alyssa Vargas, Alexandria Walz.



We hope that the season of Christmas Shines brightly upon each of you during this month. Happy Birthday to each of you.

GIVING THE GIFT OF WARMTH

We are blessed to partner with the Knights of Columbus throughout the diocese of KCSJ in the Coats for Kids Drive. The Knights have done an amazing job of raising funds and providing coats for school children in need. We are hopeful that their example of generosity will spread as we begin our winter drive to collect, hats, gloves and scarves for our clients coming through the Welcome Center. This time of year is especially challenging for the homeless and those in need. Please consider giving the gift of warmth this season by donating to our drive. For more information please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

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 Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

HE IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

The celebration of the birth of Christ is global, and EWTN brings you special programming throughout the season. Experience Mass in Italy at the Vatican, enjoy concerts from Europe, and visit sacred sites in the Holy Land.

Enrich your faith: tune into EWTN this Christmas season!

Visit ewtn.com for more programming details.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sunday

Today, December 15, at the 11:00am Mass, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite all in attendance to participate in the flower procession to the Altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We also invite all to come to the parish hall immediately following the Mass for Tamales, Mexican breads and pastries, coffee & Mexican Hot Chocolate. All are welcome.

Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, and all military members serving our great nation.

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If you or a loved one or friend are serving in the military, please call the office to have their names added to our military prayer list. We would like to honor those serving by having them listed on our bulletin. We ask our parishioners to remember them, and all who are on our prayer list in their prayers. 816.421.2112

Last Weekends Collection

From December 8, 2019

Plate.....\$588.00
Envelopes.....\$2,975.00

Weekly Activities & Events

Journey to Bethany

Our Diocesan Vision, *One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission*, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established *Journey to Bethany*, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse.

An **email survey**, titled “**Bishop Johnston’s Healing Our Family Survey**” will soon to be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input.

Thank you for your participation, support and prayers!

Nuestra visión diocesana, *Una Familia: Renovada en Cristo – Equipada Para la Misión*, identifica la necesidad de sanación y renovación. El obispo Johnston, en colaboración con los fieles laicos, ha establecido el *Journey to Bethany*, un programa diseñado para tomar cuidado de una variedad de heridas y extender la concientización en los recursos de sanación dentro de nuestra diócesis. Este programa se enfocará inicialmente en aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual del clero.

En breve, se enviará una **encuesta por correo electrónico** titulada “**Sanando Nuestra Familia – Encuesta del Obispo Johnston**” a feligreses seleccionados al azar en toda la diócesis. Sus respuestas nos ayudarán a identificar la manera en que podemos ayudar a todos los afectados por el abuso sexual del clero. Aquellos que no reciban la encuesta por correo electrónico van a tener la oportunidad de asistir a presentaciones para escuchar los resultados y proporcionar información adicional.

¡Gracias por su participación, apoyo y oraciones!



New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Email address _____

Please drop in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.
Or call the Parish Office 816.421.2112

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

CDs....Books....Pamphlets....Booklets....Prayer
Books....Religious Art....Rosaries

Sample Talks:

- Rising Above: From Tragedy to Triumph
- In Pursuit of My Identity: Homosexuality, Transgenderism, and My Life
- From Jehovah’s Witness to Catholic
- Sample Books:
- Gangland to Promised Land
- Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven
- By What Authority?

Sample Feedback:

- “I learned more than I ever imagined!”
- “If you listen to only one CD this year, listen to this.”
- “A sensitive topic addressed in a clear and understandable manner.”

Visit the Lighthouse displays at the main and side entrances of the church to find more.

Greater Kansas City Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...Worldwide Marriage

Encounter is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 1:00-4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint Gasper Way, Liberty, Missouri. Entitled “Lighting the Way Together—Castles to Lighthouses”, the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free will offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP email Rich & Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

Behold, I make all things new!... The start of a new year brings with it the opportunity to begin anew in all aspects of our lives, including our relationships with God, our family and our friends. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is the perfect way to renew your love and commitment to each other. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to grow deeper love so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. **The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be February 28—March 1, 2020.** For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816.741.4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net

