

**JANUARY 5, 2025**



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement). Join us for coffee, donuts, & fellowship after 9AM Mass on the 2nd Sundays of each month!

*Legion of Mary*  
Meets on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room. Please join us to learn about our mission!

**Music**

Entrance Antiphon  
Opening: #821 We Three Kings  
Gloria: #106 Missa de Angelis  
Offertory: #779 The First Noel  
Mystery of Faith: #102 Missa de Angelis  
Communion Antiphon  
Communion: #744 Silent Night  
Marian: #748 Sing of Mary  
Closing: #530 God Rest You

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM  
Monday: 8:00AM  
Wednesday: 8:00AM  
Friday: 8:00AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:30PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM  
Monday: 7:30AM  
Wednesday: 7:30AM  
Friday: 7:30AM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 8:30AM - 6:00PM  
\*Confessions : 5:30PM - 6:00PM

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Gina Smith  
Joseph Thiltges  
Shirley Miller  
Josie Gilbert  
Steve Steiner  
Richard Coleman  
Melissa Riches

*Mass Intentions for this Week*

**Monday, January 6:**  
\*Saint André Bessette, Religious  
8:00AM - Betty Crawford †  
**Wednesday, January 8:**  
8:00AM - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin B. Obermier †  
**Friday, January 10:**  
8:00AM - Fr. Duane Ryan †  
**Saturday, January 11:**  
9:00AM - Robert Pitts, Sr. †  
**Sunday, January 12:**  
\*Baptism of the Lord  
9:00AM - Special Intention †  
11:15AM - Sr. Mary Ellen †

*Thoughts by Father Benjamin Fenton*

Merry Christmas everybody!

During this Christmas season, which is well underway, I have been reflecting on the Roman Canon.

This beautiful prayer is the prayer that the priest says on his own during Mass, inside of which is the Consecration of the Blessed Eucharist.

The prayers immediately following the Consecration of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are called the 'anamnesis', the Memorial.

They are three prayers which follow on from the ancient Jewish structure of praying, which involves firstly reminding God of his past mercies, and then presenting to God this current offering, which in the case of the Mass is the Eucharist.

The anamnesis, or Memorial, ends when the priest stands erect and makes the sign of the cross.

When I started celebrating Mass last year, I soon realized that there was a certain *sacred silence* with these prayers. At least to me, it felt like being on the mountaintop, alone with God, offering the Sacred Host to Him.

On the 1st of January, as I celebrated Mass in the Cathedral, we received what I would say was a beautiful but simple grace - as the Memorial began, a cloud (I think!) covered the Cathedral, and so the only real light in the Church was from the electric lights over the Altar. As the Anamnesis ended, that cloud lifted, and the Church was flooded with light again.

Let's try and live the Roman Canon with faith and fervor. This is what we come to Mass for every day. This is the moment that heaven meets earth. Make sure to offer up your soul with the bread and wine at the offertory, and love and adore the Sacred Host as it is being elevated - in the hands of the priest, and on the Cross.

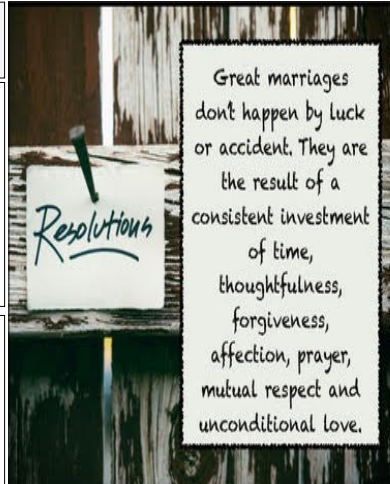


The Serra Club of St. Joseph would like to thank all who helped with items (cash and gifts) for our Seminarians Christmas bags. These were given to each of our Seminarians at the annual Christmas party at St. Thomas Moore Parish. Thank you, Ladies of St. Anne's Altar Society, Knights of Columbus St. Rose of Lima Parish, St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau and Serrans. Our next Serra meeting will be Wednesday, January 15th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish starting with prayer at 6:00 followed by our speaker Deacon Josh Fultz, then business meeting and refreshments. New members are always welcome.

**Correction:** Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: [frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church](mailto:frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church). Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin.



Catholic families have looked to St. Joseph Catholic Academy schools for the development and formation of their children for generations. Inadequate and antiquated facilities are compromising the delivery of high-quality academic instruction, support for extracurriculars, and the development of faith for our scholars. Supporting St. Joseph Catholic Academy so these basic improvements to our schools can be made will ensure Catholic education exists for current scholars and those who will follow them. You are an important part of St. Joseph Catholic Academy, and we would like your input as we discern our future. Take a few minutes to complete the survey now at [www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study](http://www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study)



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the St. James and St. Patrick parishioners for their generosity during the Knights' recent fundraiser. You helped us raise in excess of \$2,000.00 to support Catholic education!  
**Thank you!**

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, **St. Vincent de Paul** will collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. You may drop off your donations in the bins located in the vestibule. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community.  
**Need: Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**SCRIP CARDS**  
Did you know Scrip cards are available anytime in the school office? Use them for shopping or as a gift! Stop by to purchase one to your favorite grocery store, restaurant, department store, or online shopping!  
**HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR PARISH!**

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
On January 9<sup>th</sup> we are serving at the Southside Food Kitchen! If you can provide a dessert, please drop it off at the parish office by 2PM this day!

Make 2025 the year you resolve to invest in your marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**. For information, or to apply for an experience, visit [www.wme.org](http://www.wme.org), email [greaterKC.wme@gmail.com](mailto:greaterKC.wme@gmail.com), scan the QR code or call 816-286-4557.

Upcoming 2025 Dates  
March 7-9th - Carthage, MO  
March 28-30th - Kansas City, KS  
June 13-15th - Kansas City, KS  
August 8-10th - Kansas City, KS



**Offerings:**  
ENVELOPES/COLLECTION PLATE: \$5,737.22  
MASS INTENTIONS/MEMORIALS: \$130.00  
MAINTENANCE: \$772.20  
TOTAL: \$12,376.64  
DECEMBER TOTAL: \$62,120.45

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**  
Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been away from the Church for a while and want to come back to full communion? If this describes you, please email or call the parish office to register!

**Mir House** is going digital! Please consider signing up for a We Adore Him account. There you can view the current schedule, sign up for hours, request automatic substitutes, receive reminders for your holy hour, and get closings/changes updates by text, email, or call! Sign up with the QR code or by going to [mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup](http://mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup).



BOOKKEEPER position n available! We are seeking an experienced bookkeeper who will work under the supervision of the pastor and will be responsible for handling the details of the parish's budget, financial transactions, keeping accurate records, and ensuring all payments are processed. A part-time position working 20-24 hours per week. If interested, view the full job description at [kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/](http://kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/) and apply!

Springtime Pilgrimage! to **Italy!** March 25<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
A very special Lenten experience during the Jubilee Year with Fr. Davis! Includes Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni, Montecassino, and Rome! It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! Extension to Medjugorje available. Please contact Mark Wyble at (816) 233-8427 or [religiousramblers@gmail.com](mailto:religiousramblers@gmail.com)

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 24-25 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, click the link below.

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**Altar Society**  
Thank you for supporting the Altar Society with your purchase of the 1st of a 14-piece series of ornaments replicating our beautiful stained glass Church windows! Stay tuned for the release of the next ornament in the series.  
Stay up-to-date with the Altar Society's activities and events on Flocknote! Just text ALTARSOCIETY6450 to 84576

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**January Prayer Intention**  
Pope Francis: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.  
Bishop Johnston: Let us pray for all who live and suffer in countries impacted by war, especially children and vulnerable people. For an end to war and for peace in the New Year.