



ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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BAPTISM: Contact Monsignor Cox regarding preparation sessions and scheduling

PENANCE: Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment

MARRIAGE: Contact Monsignor at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling

MASS INTENTIONS: December 11 thru December 17

Monday:	8:00 a.m.	†	Linda Moeller
Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.	†	Joseph Kolb, Sr.
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	†	Albert Wolken
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.	†	Art Hoelscher
Friday:	8:00 a.m.		Living & Deceased Members of the Patrick Schaffer Family
Saturday:	5:30 p.m.		Living & Deceased Members of Bill & Alice Stroyick Family
Sunday:	7:30 a.m.		People of the Parish
	10:30 a.m.	†	Harry Kliethermes

In Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- Mary Stieffermann, grandmother of Ashley Dudenhoeffer, of our parish, who passed away on November 19.
- Margaret 'Margie' Rackers, member of our parish and mother of Judy Eiken and Darlene Savage of our parish, who passed away on December 3.

May their souls and all the souls of the dearly departed rest in peace. Amen.

Area Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Cathedral of St. Joseph, JC - Sunday, Dec 10 at 2 pm
Immaculate Conception, JC - Tuesday, Dec 12 at 7 pm
St. Peter, JC - Wednesday, Dec 13 at 7 pm
St. Francis Xavier, Taos - Thursday, Dec 14 at 7 pm
St. Stanislaus - Friday, Dec 15 at 6 pm
St. Peter, JC - Friday, Dec 15 from 9:30 am - 2 pm
St. Margaret, Osage Bend - Monday, Dec 18 at 6 pm
St. Martin - Wednesday, Dec 20, at 6 pm

Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention for our Local Church

For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.

Christmas Special Collection

The Diocese of Jefferson City is conducting a Christmas Special Collection for the benefit of the education of our seminarians and for our infirm priests. The envelope for this collection can be found in your monthly envelopes 'Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement' or can be found inserted in the December 15 edition of The Catholic Missourian. You can use either envelope as they are for the same collection. Please make your check payable to St. Stanislaus and place your envelope in the collection basket during Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

The Chosen

We will be showing Episode 8: Sustenance TODAY (December 10). Join us in Room 210 (pie room) of the school after the 7:30 am Mass. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Call 635-8393 with any questions.

Knights of Columbus

The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 11** at St. Margaret's in Osage Bend. Rosary at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 7 pm. The drawing for the annual gun raffle will be held. Bring your raffle tickets.

Over 50 Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Over 50 Club will be held on **Friday, December 15** in the Parish Center. We will begin praying the Rosary at 11 am. The Over 50 Club will be furnishing the food for the luncheon at this meeting. Bingo, cards, and a 50/50 drawing will follow. Please make plans to join in the fun.

Legion of Mary Rosary

On Saturday, December 16, The Legion of Mary will be praying the rosary in front of church at 8:30 am. All are welcome.

Prayer Hotline: Contact Kay Stockman at (573) 536-8777 or Karen Schenewerk at 635-3943 for prayer line requests or to be added to the prayer line.

St. Stanislaus School

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Winter Market on Saturday to support local vendors! I loved seeing our students, parents, and parishioners in a different element. I hope you were able to find decorations, Christmas gifts, food, or just something fun for yourself. Thank you to our Home and School Association for putting this event together, to the Osage Bend 4H for cooking up some good burgers and hotdogs for lunch, and to everyone who helped set up and break down tables and chairs! See you next year for our 4th annual Winter Market.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Forbis

St. Stanislaus Parishioners at the National Catholic Youth Conference

In November, the Diocese participated in the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). NCYC occurs in Indianapolis in November every other year and has been starting fires in the hearts of young people for over 3 decades. This year, over 250 teens from our Diocese attended the conference together.

Here are some words on the experience from one of our parishioners who attended: "Hi everyone! My name is Alison Kolb. I go to Helias, and when our Campus Minister asked who was interested (in NCYC), I signed up. I had no idea what to expect. There were concerts, talks from several well-known speakers, small groups. Eucharistic Adoration, a closing Mass with 13,000 other young Catholics, and many other fun events! The theme was FULLY ALIVE and its main focus was to practice being present and involved in the Mass and other aspects of our faith. There were countless opportunities to learn about God and grow closer with others throughout the weekend. I went into it not knowing what to expect and came back with a better relationship with God and a new community of people to continue growing in faith with. If you are thinking about signing up, I strongly encourage giving it a chance!"

Collection Numbers for December 3, 2023

Parish Collection:

Sunday Offering	\$12,261.50
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 677.00
Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement	\$ 575.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 446.00

Electronic Contributions:

Monthly for December 5, 2023	\$12,517.00
Semi-Monthly for December 5, 2023	\$ 3,957.50

St. Stanislaus parishioners are very generous—both of their talents and financially. You are appreciated! Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, Memorial Masses, candles, etc. Thank you as this makes the processing of your financial gifts easier.

The Light Before Christmas Advent 2023

As we move into the second week of Advent, our school continues to be mindful of all the beautiful lights of Christmas and that the true light of Christmas is the Christ child. Our theme for our Week 1 Advent prayer service was "Light". We discussed that just as we cannot live without the light of the sun, we can't live without the light of God's Son, Jesus.

As we begin Week 2 of Advent, our prayer service theme will be "Darkness". The Bible talks about the darkness of evil and sin that works to dim the spiritual light of God. Students will be reminded that we are all beautiful and unique children of God, created to be light and to spread God's light to others. When we sin, we dim God's light within us and within others. When we love God and others, we brighten and spread God's light. The whole reason we need Christmas is for the light of God to come to conquer the spiritual darkness that invades our world. Jesus came as a baby to defeat that darkness. One day all darkness will be overcome by the light of Jesus.

We definitely spread the light of Jesus on Thursday at our St. Stanislaus School Christmas concert! Hearing the beautiful voices of our students praising God was so special for all of those in attendance. Special thanks to Ms. Stumpe, our music teacher, for all of your hard work in making this such a wonderful event, and thanks to all of you who were able to attend.

St. Stanislaus School Advent Committee

D&K Bus Service Route Drivers Needed

As I kneel in the chapel in front of Christ Jesus, praying a rosary of thanks for all he has gifted me in my lifetime, I finish then reflect, there could not possibly be a better place to ask God for his help than through Christ Jesus who is present right in front of me, in the form of the Eucharist.

My dearest brothers and sisters in Christ, the service that I have been chosen for in this life has become exceptionally difficult. Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances, I have recently had to relieve 2 drivers of their duties.

Therefore, I am praying and petitioning my fellow parishioners or anyone you might know, for your help. We are desperately needing morning and afternoon route bus drivers.

God has always provided in my time of need, and I would not ask this if there was not a legitimate need. If you feel compelled or know someone who may be interested, please contact Doug Kliethermes at 573-619-9920.

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those parishioners who have completed their stewardship forms. If you have not filled out a Stewardship Commitment Form, please do so soon. If you have misplaced your Stewardship packet, please contact the Parish Center at ststansec@socket.net or by calling 573 636 4925. Thank you!

Church Cleaners: Melinda Fennessey, Christy Bolzenius, Lori Bruemmer, and Sharon Crider.
Please clean church before the week-end of December 16 & 17.

Liturgical Role Schedule for December 16 and 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Sloane Sherry Harper Sherry	Brayden Verslues Jonathon Wansing	Audry Kaiser Mason Kaiser
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Emily Mantle	Linda Sommers	Donna Bernskoetter
Reader	Jude Markway	Tim Backes	Gary Wilbers
Rosary Leader	Margie VanLoo	Jane Meldrem	Alice Kampeter
Usher	Steve Wilbers Dan Wortmann Jim Bernskoetter Randy Boeckman	Jr Bruemmer Tom Buschjost JB DeWesplore Danny Gipe	Gene Sandbothe John Doerhoff Larry Fitzpatrick Dan Bax
Greeter	Richard & Wendy Taube	Sue Gipe	Fred & Brenda Roling
Live Stream			William Lloyd
Music Ministry	James & Barbara Howard	Patty Rackers Tony & Darlene Luebbering Donna Halbrook	Renee Jurgensmeyer Connie Andrews

Christmas Week-end Mass Schedule

Saturday	Dec 23	5:30 pm	St. Stanislaus, Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	Dec 24	7:30 am	St. Stanislaus, Regular Sunday Mass
Sunday	Dec 24	9:00 am	St. Margaret in Osage Bend, Regular Sunday Mass
Sunday	Dec 24	10:30 am	St. Stanislaus, Regular Sunday Mass
Sunday	Dec 24	5:30 pm	St. Stanislaus, Christmas Vigil Mass
Sunday	Dec 24	7:00 pm	St. Margaret in Osage Bend, Christmas Vigil Mass
Monday	Dec 25	12:00 am	St. Stanislaus, Midnight Christmas Mass
Monday	Dec 25	7:30 am	St. Stanislaus, Christmas Morning Mass
Monday	Dec 25	9:00 am	St. Margaret in Osage Bend, Christmas Morning Mass

Please sign up for liturgical roles in the back of church for the Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm and on Christmas Day at midnight and at 7:30 am.

The 7:30 am Mass on Christmas Day will be livestreamed.

Shroud of Turin Presentation

We are very pleased to announce that on **Wed., January 3**, Fr. Andrew Dalton will be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to give two presentations on the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Both of these presentations will be held in Cana Hall and will contain the same information. There are two sessions being offered to give as many people as possible a chance to hear it and to allow for one session to be held during daylight hours. The first session will be held in Cana Hall from 2 pm - 4 pm. The second session will be held in Cana Hall from 7 pm to 9 pm. Fr. Dalton is an American priest who now teaches at the Pontifical University in Rome.

XLT Adoration Nights at Cathedral

Every second Thursday, St Joseph's Cathedral is hosting XLT Adoration from 7pm-8pm. These holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration are open for all ages and include praise and worship music, guided prayer meditation, personal testimonies, confessions, and benediction. Middle schoolers and their parents are also invited to XLT Ignite in Cana Hall at 6pm. At ignite, families share in fellowship, enjoy pizza, fun games, and testimonies from young peers before entering adoration together. Please join us for XLT this Thursday, December 14th!

Save the Date - Blood Drives

Friday, January 5, 2024 - Blair Oaks
Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Ladies Sodality

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Week of December 10, 2023



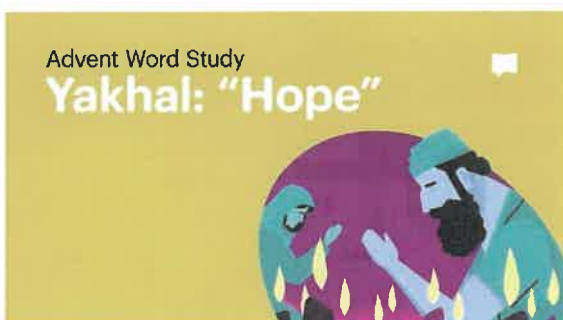
The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.



The incredible true story of Our Lady of Guadalupe | Chris Stefanick Show

Check out this episode of the Chris Stefanick Show to learn the amazing story Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Yakhal/Hope | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

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