



ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24, 2023

Fourth 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 25 thru January 7

Monday:	7:30 a.m.	† Jerome, Erma & Alan Holzer
Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.	† Barb Berendzen
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	† Bill, Chad, Greg & Caysee Temmen
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.	† Louis & Emma Oberschulte
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	† Pauline Schepker Boeckman
Saturday:	5:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday:	7:30 a.m.	† Deceased Members of Marvin Rademan Family
	10:30 a.m.	† Donald Prenger
Monday:	8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Bill Temmen Family
Tuesday:	5:30 p.m.	† John Haake
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m.	† Walter Massman
Thursday:	8:00 a.m.	† Helen Boeckmann
Friday:	8:00 a.m.	† Tom Schnieders
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	† Shirley Stockman
	5:30 p.m.	† Jerome Rodeman
Sunday:	7:30 a.m.	† Betty Mest
	10:30 a.m.	† Albert Wolken

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, 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, 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, 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.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on Monday, January 1 and so it is not a holyday of obligation.

Monday, Jan 1	8:00 am	St. Stanislaus
	9:30 am	St. Margaret

Dear Parishioners

I pray that God will bless your families with a wonderful Christmas. May the Christ Child find a place of joyful welcome in your hearts! Thank you for all your gifts, cards and prayers. May God bless you for your kindness.

Merry Christmas, Monsignor Cox

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.

Christmas Hymns Before Midnight Mass

Please join the choir singing Christmas hymns in church beginning at 11:30 pm before the Midnight Christmas Mass.

Merry Christmas from the Parish Staff

All of us that work for St. Stanislaus Parish & School would like to wish you a beautiful and Holy Christmas Season. May the gifts of peace, hope, joy and love given to us from the Christ Child be with you for the New Year. Our school is closed for the holiday break and will resume on Thursday, January 4. The Parish Office will be closed December 25 through January 1.

In Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of James "Dale" Schrimpf, father of Georgia Hagenhoff, member of our parish, who passed away on December 13. May his soul and all the souls of the dearly departed rest in peace. Amen.

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.

St. Stanislaus School

We are halfway through the school year, and I cannot believe how fast the year has flown by! Thank you to all of our students, staff, parents, and parishioners who have helped make the first half of the school year a great success. We could not have done it without everyone's support.

Speaking of fast, over the last several weeks many of us, including myself, have been shopping, baking, and running everywhere. John Tesh was on the radio while I was coming home last night. The segment talked about slowing down. I believe God knew I needed to hear what was about to be said since I was rushing around Jefferson City. We live in a society of rush, rush, rush and wanting to get all the things done on our list. However, all of the rushing we do and the stress is actually slowing us down because it is pulling blood away from our brain. We should take time to breathe and maybe even find a quiet place to relax. That is definitely easier said than done. The Advent readings this year call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down by the distractions in our lives. Take some time to slow down during this break in order to experience the full joy of Christmas.

Las Posadas: Second graders embarked on a journey to Bethlehem this week while performing Las Posadas. Mary and Joseph were told no as they knocked on the classroom doors Monday. Mary and Joseph were finally told yes before Mass on Wednesday. Thank you second grade for continuing this tradition!

Christmas Gifts: Thank you for all of the gifts, goodies, and donations brought in over the last several days! We are truly blessed to be a part of a great community!

Classroom Christmas Parties: It was wonderful seeing all the parents in our school for the classroom parties. Thank you to our room parents who helped run the classroom parties!

Staff Christmas Party: Our staff celebrated Christmas after school on Wednesday. We exchanged gifts, ate some great food, and had lots of good laughs. Thank you to our School Advisory Council and Knights of Columbus for hosting this event!

Wishing your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Many blessings,
Mrs. Forbis

Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hours

Thursday evening 7 pm - 8 pm

Saturday evening 11 pm - midnight

Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our Chapel program.

Collection Numbers for December 17, 2023

Parish Collection:

Sunday Offering	\$25,795.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 1,774.00
Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement	\$ 480.00

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

Throughout this Advent season, our students have been reflecting on LIGHT (the light of Christ that shines in all of us), DARKNESS (the darkness of evil and sin that clouds and dims our world) and our final theme of SHARE THE LIGHT! Jesus is the Light of the World, and when he died on the cross for us, He overcame the power of sin and darkness. Every day, we get to choose to accept the light of Christ and share it with others, or dim that light. Let's all share that light of Christ with others and do our very best every single day to help all of our families and friends to share the light so that we can all be with Jesus in heaven someday.

Blessings to everyone in our parish and school community - may the light of Christ warm your hearts and bring you peace and joy this Christmas!

St. Stanislaus School Advent Committee

First Saturday Devotion

Will be on Saturday, January 6 with Confessions at 7:00 am, the Rosary will begin at 7:40 am and Mass will begin at 8:00 am. Meditation will follow Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Over 50 Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Over 50 Club will be held on **Friday, January 19** 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.

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.

"Faith - Food - Fellowship"

Ready to make a New Year change to your life?

St. Stanislaus parish is offering something new for your social, emotional and spiritual wellness in 2024. Our first event will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. It's called **"Faith - Food - Fellowship"**. Join us for 5:30 pm Mass on Tuesday evening and right after Mass join us in the Parish Center for some food and fellowship with your fellow parishioners. This event will be held the first Tuesday of every month so mark your calendar and join us.

Save the Date - Blood Drives

Friday, January 5, 2024 - Blair Oaks

Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Ladies Sodality

Church Cleaners: Karen Dudenhoeffer, Doris Fitzpatrick, and Nancy Gratz.

Please clean church before the week-end of December 30 & 31

The January thru March cleaning schedule is now available on our website under the "Volunteers" tab.

Liturgical Role Schedule for December 30 and 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Eli Lopez Jacob Lopez	Anna Lurkins Claire Markway	Luke Massman Ethan Hood
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Mary Markway	Leroy Bisges	Ken Otko
Reader	Lori Lopez	Ruth Braun	Bob Czarnecki
Rosary Leader	Lynn Albus	Betty Siebeneck	Alice Kampeter
Usher	Leon Eichholz Charles Halderman Shane Kampeter Sam Kampeter	David Moeller Justin Korsmeyer Al Savage Tony Siebeneck	Gary Bilyeu Roger Bruemmer Tim Fennessey Brian Fischer
Greeter	Melissa & Ben Wilbers	Betty Kever	Gary & Dana Wilbers
Live Stream			William Lloyd
Music Ministry	Donna Halbrook & Choir	James & Barbara Howard	Renee Jurgensmeyer Connie Andrews

Liturgical Role Schedule for January 6 & 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Kelly Lock Alice Lock	Hayden Kohlmeier Carson Williams	Tyler Hoelscher Ethan Hood
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Debbie VanLoo	Missie McCauley	Brenda Roling
Reader	Kathy Poff	Shawn McCauley	Jeff Boessen
Rosary Leader	Mary Markway	Jane Meldrem	Donna Bernskoetter
Usher	Stanley Kolb Jim Korsmeyer Darrell Mantle Landon Mantle	Tim Simmon Ted VanLoo Walter Wilbers Jeff Rackers	Dana Frese Rick Massman Luke Massman Dan Wilbers
Greeter	Eugene & Cheryl Boessen	Peggy Luebbert	Larry & Jean Armstrong
Live Stream			William Lloyd
Music Ministry	Donna Halbrook & Choir	James & Barbara Howard	Ashely Dudenhoeffer Pam Stonner Audrey Kaiser

Thank You

A sincere "Thank You" to the church decorating team for coming out to help prepare for Christmas. Dianne Hummel, Lori Bremmer, Doris Lueckenoff, Brenda Roling, Sharon Wilde, Henry Bauer and Jack Crull you all are the best! A special thank you to Paul Meyer for moving boxes for us and Wayne Bernskoetter for the improvements on the crib and adding the shingles to the roof. Always keep Jesus in your hearts.

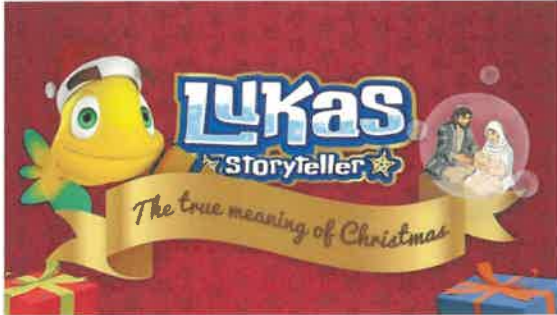
Women's Silent Retreat

A Women's Silent Retreat weekend will be held March 8-10, 2024 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. To reserve a spot email Julie at julie.g@cathedraljc.org.

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.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 24, 2023



The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

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