



## ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3, 2023

### First 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 4 thru December 10

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† C.J. Armstrong
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	† Joe, Agnes & Georgia Hagenhoff
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† Marcellus & Pauline Markway
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† Lucy Kolb
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	† Barbara Rackers
		We also remember in prayer Catherine Siebeneck
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	† Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary all over the world
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	† Marjorie Caroline Howard
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	† Stanley Adams, Vic Hagenhoff, Paul Kever, Gary & Matt Kever

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

##### Mass Schedule for the Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 pm at St. Margaret

Friday, December 8, 8:00 am, All School Mass at St. Stanislaus

Friday, December 8, 5:30 pm at St. Stanislaus

#### Area Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

St. Cecilia, Meta - Tuesday, Dec 5 at 7 pm

St. Peter, JC - Wednesday, Dec 6 at 7:15 pm

St. Francis Xavier, Taos - Thursday, Dec 7 from 10 am - noon

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 Flowers for Church

You will find an envelope in your December packet marked "Offering for Christmas Flowers". If you would like to have a loved one remembered on the Christmas Poster that will be displayed in Church, please send their names with your donation by [December 5th](#).

#### 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 Ladies Sodality

The Ladies Sodality of St. Stanislaus is an organization of woman that provide support to our Parish in many different ways. The Sodality pays for all our candles, altar bread & wine and other needs for our church. All ladies of the Parish are considered members. Please remember how important this organization is to our Parish. Thank you to all the ladies who have paid their \$10.00 membership dues. You are also invited to attend their next meeting which is scheduled for **TODAY** December 3 in the Parish Center, following the 7:30 am Mass.

#### 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.

#### Stewardship Update

Thank you to those parishioners who have completed their stewardship forms. As of this writing, we have 189 stewardship forms submitted. 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](mailto:ststansec@socket.net) or by calling 573 636 4925. Thank you!

## St. Stanislaus School

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving break and were able to make some memories with relatives and friends. We have a few short weeks until we reach Christmas break. The school year is flying by!

We are beginning a new liturgical year this Sunday with Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. We will prepare our hearts and homes for the next four weeks before Christmas. The Advent wreath is a familiar symbol of this season and reflects the endless love that Jesus has for us. During this first week of Advent, the first purple candle will be lit to represent hope and anticipation. We remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold Jesus' coming.

Many blessings,  
Mrs. Forbis

### St. Stanislaus School Christmas Concert

St. Stanislaus School's Christmas Concerts are scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Gym doors will open for the afternoon performance at 1:00 pm and at 5:30 pm for the evening performance. Parishioners are welcome to attend either performance.

### The Chosen

We will be showing Season 3 Episode 7: Ears to Hear **TODAY** (December 3) and Episode 8: Sustenance (December 10). These are the first two Sundays of Advent and a wonderful way to start preparing for Christmas. Don't worry if you haven't seen other episodes, as this will give the urge to catch up. 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.

### Collection Numbers for November 26, 2023

#### Parish Collection:

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,794.00
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 4,419.40
Seminarian Formation & Priest Retirement	\$ 70.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 600.00

#### Electronic Contributions:

Monthly for November 20, 2023	\$ 12,025.00
Semi-Monthly for November 20, 2023	\$ 3,707.50

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

Our school theme for the Advent season this year is "The Light Before Christmas" taken from a book with that same title by Marty Machowski.

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the deep darkness a light has dawned (Isaiah 9:2)."

The prophet Isaiah foretold of a day when the light of God would pierce the darkness and announce the coming of the Son of God. During this season of Advent, we will go on a journey of discovery to find the true light of Christmas. The journey began long before a star appeared to guide wise men to seek a baby in a manger. It began even before God said "Let there be light." In the manger, we find ourselves delivered from the darkness of sin.

We always look to the light at Christmas time. Lights decorate our homes, our tables, our tress, our streets. Everywhere, we go we are pointed to the light. Even those who are unaware of why we have bright colorful lights everywhere are affected by them. This season, as we decorate our homes with lights and drive around in awe and wonder of the lights that we encounter, let us be mindful of the awe and wonder of the true light at Christmas, the Christ child.

Each Monday of Advent, our school will be having a special prayer service. Our theme for Week 1 is "Light". Students will gather in the gym and learn about how God created both physical light through the billions of stars in all of the galaxies, especially the Sun, as well as spiritual light which is God's truth that shines into the darkness to show us the way to his Son. Just as we cannot live without the light of the Sun, we cannot live without the light of God's Son, Jesus.

St. Stanislaus School Advent Committee

### The Missouri State Council for Knights of Columbus

Will be sponsoring an essay contest and all Catholic students in grades 6-8 this year are eligible to participate. This year's essay topic is, "What is the importance of the Eucharist to me in my life?" Essay's must be 350-500 words, a student's original work, reflect the assigned topic and be typed on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper. All entries become property of Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned. Plaques will be awarded to the top three winners in each grade in the State. Entries should be submitted no later than January 1, 2024. Entries should be mailed to: Knights of Columbus, Wardsville-Osage Bend Council 8399, 5826 Sterling Ridge Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Please contact Richard Fisher at (573) 619-5314 with any questions.

**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.

**Church Cleaners:** Dianne Bisges, Angie Bisges, Suzanne Boes and Cheryl Boessen.

Please clean church before the week-end of December 9 & 10.

**GRATEFUL and BLESSED!** Thanks to the following people who came out to help deep clean church before the holidays. I am very grateful and blessed to have such dedicated people to help keep our beautiful church clean! Cheryl Boessen, Terra Bruemmer, Karla Holzer, Diane Hummel, Betty Kever, Melissa Kleffner-Wansing, John and Linda Kleffner, Bonnie LeCuru, Amy Steinman, and Tina Werner. Thanks again! Suzette Mertens

### Liturgical Role Schedule for December 9 and 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, 5:30 PM	Sunday, 7:30 AM	Sunday, 10:30 AM
Altar Server	Dylan Howell Charlie Schrimpf	Claire Markway Henry Markway	Taylor Miller Bailey Miller
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cheryl Boessen	Mike Rackers	Dana Wilbers
Reader	Pete Dudenhoeffer	Tim Simmon	Barb Touchette
Rosary Leader	Debbie VanLoo	Norma Wieberg	Donna Bernskoetter
Usher	Darrell Mantle Landon Mantle Paul Luebbert Don VanLoo	Charlie Bax Tim Backes Paul Bisges Doug Moeller	Dana Frese Rick Massman Dan Wilbers Bill Gratz
Greeter	Kathy Poff	Jim & Mary Dallas	Ken & Bernie Otke
Live Stream			William Lloyd
Music Ministry	Donna Halbrook & Choir	Dianne Bisges & Group	Ashley Dudenhoeffer Pam Stonner

### 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

### Upcoming Local Events

The K of C Bishop Michael F. McAuliffe Council 12992 breakfast to benefit Special Olympics, in loving memory of Frank & Kevin Kempker, will be held TODAY, Sunday, December 3 at Cana Hall from 8 am - 12 noon. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and fruit cocktail. Adults \$10, Children 6 thru 11 \$5 with a \$30 maximum per immediate family.

### 40 Days for Life

All are invited to the 34th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life, Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego at St Andrew Parish in Holts Summit on December 8 from 8 pm - midnight. The National Night of Prayer for Life includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the gathering place.

### Nativity at the Capitol

You are invited to celebrate the real "Reason for the Season" at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda and on the South Lawn Steps. Two Nativity Scenes will be provided by The Thomas More Society and the American Nativity Scene Committee, who place nativity scenes on display in state capitols, town greens and other public places across the country. We are pleased to present local school and bands to perform Christmas music and song from 11 am to 3 pm on Thursday, December 7. For more information contact Judy Bax at 573 690 1218.

### Save the Date - Blood Drives

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

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FALL SUPPER 2023

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>PROFIT</u>
DINNER/CARRYOUTS	\$18,130.39	\$33,915.00	\$15,784.61
MEAT COLLECTION/ DONATIONS	-0-	805.00	805.00
COUNTRY STORE	249.75	4,905.50	4,655.75
BEER	518.78	1,457.50	938.72
RAFFLE	486.91	5,814.75	5,327.84
BINGO	196.42	956.50	760.08
SANDWICH/SODA	132.32	433.00	300.68
GAMES	287.50	311.00	23.50
SALE OF MEAT/LEFTOVERS	-0-	1,339.59	1,339.59
ADVERTISEMENT	556.00	-0-	(556.00)
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>1,254.84</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>(1,154.84)</u>
	<b>\$21,812.91</b>	<b>\$50,037.84</b>	<b>\$28,224.93</b>

**2023 NET PROFIT-----\$28,224.93**  
**2022 NET PROFIT-----\$25,132.96 (rev. 12/08/22)**  
**2021 NET PROFIT-----\$19,795.05 (rev. 02/14/22)**  
**2020 NET PROFIT-----\$34,002.65 ( rev. 01/04/21)**  
**2019 NET PROFIT-----\$24,992.05**

2023 - served 2,081 adults, 73 children = 2,154  
 2022 - served 2,144 adults, 91 children = 2,235  
 2021 - served 2,141 adults, 68 children = 2,209  
 2020 - total served = 2,080  
 2019 - served 1,674 adults, 96 children = 1,770