



ST. STANISLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monsignor David Cox, Pastor

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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 22 through January 5

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| Monday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Art Hoelscher |
| Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. | † Linda Moeller |
| | | Remember in Prayer Sam Berendzen |
| Christmas Eve: | 5:30 p.m. | † Lawrence & Louis Moeller |
| | Midnight | † Mike Rackers |
| | | Remember in Prayer Roger Braun |
| Christmas Day: | 7:30 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of the Jerome and Irma Holzer family |
| | | Remember in Prayer Gilbert Bisges |
| Friday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Leonard, Julie and Duane Buschjost |
| Saturday: | 5:30 p.m. | † Cletus & Ella Heckman |
| Sunday: | 7:30 a.m. | Living & Deceased Members of the Clem & Francis VanLoo Family |
| | | Remember in Prayer Ron Fennwald |
| | 10:30 a.m. | † People of the Parish |
| Monday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Pauline Schepker Boeckman |
| Tuesday: | 5:30 p.m. | † Agnes Brondel |
| Wednesday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Thursday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Dick & Carol Wilbers |
| | | Harold, Helen, Frank & Edith Schwaller |
| Friday: | 8:00 a.m. | † Blanche Owens |
| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | † Walter Massman |
| | 5:30 p.m. | † Laverne Brondel, |
| | | Gladys & Wanda Lehman |
| | | Remember in Prayer Helen Roling |
| Sunday: | 7:30 a.m. | † Lawrence & Louis Moeller |
| | | Robert Werner |
| | 10:30 a.m. | † Dave Reed |

The Mass for The People of the Parish is being offered on Sunday, January 4, at St. Margaret Parish at 9:00 a.m.

Perpetual Adoration Open Holy Hours

Friday morning 3 am—4 am

Sunday morning 2 am - 3 am (1st & 3rd)

Sunday Morning 3 am - 4 am (1st, 3rd, 5th)

Please call Donna at (573) 680-1470 if you are

All School Mass for the Epiphany

On Tuesday, January 6th, there will be an All School Mass at 2:00pm to celebrate the end of the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope and to commemorate the Epiphany. This Mass is open for anyone who would like to attend. We will still have the 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday evening.

St. Stanislaus Welcome

Please welcome Andrew James Neeley, son of Caleb & Kelli Neeley, who was baptized into the faith on December 16, 2025.

Message from Monsignor

I will be leaving to make a retreat at Conception Abbey after the last Mass on Sunday, December 28th and I will return on Friday, January 2nd. Father James will have the daily Masses and the Holy Day Masses for Mary the Mother of God. Please remember me in your prayers as I will also be praying for you. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Msgr. David Cox

Confession Opportunity

During Advent, we will have confession available on Tuesday evening before 5:30pm mass. Confession will be 5:00 until 5:30, Tuesdays December 9, 16 and 23.

Mass Times for Christmas

| Christmas Eve | Christmas Day |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5:30 pm—St. Stanislaus | 7:30 am—St. Stanislaus |
| 7:00 pm - St. Margaret's | 9:00 am—St. Margaret's |
| 12:00 Midnight—St. Stanislaus | |

New Years Eve 5:30 pm—St. Margarets

New Years Day 8:00 am—St. Stanislaus

Holiday Office Closures

The Parish Center will be closed on Dec. 24–26. The office will also be closed early on December 31 and will open again on Monday, January 5. There will not be a bulletin the weekend of December 27 and 28.

First Saturday Devotion

Saturday, January 3, with Confessions at 7:00 am, the Rosary will begin at 7:40 am and Mass will begin at 8:00am. Meditation will follow Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Pro-Life Committee

The Pro-Life Committee will be meeting on January 5, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Faith-Food Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, January 6th, following the 5:30pm Mass for our Faith-Food-Fellowship gathering in the Parish Center. This month's host is the Legion of Mary, who invite you to an evening of good food and great conversation with fellow parishioners. Faith-Food-Fellowship is a wonderful opportunity to build relationships, strengthen our parish community, and simply enjoy time together. This event is open to all members of our parish—everyone is welcome. We hope you'll make plans to join us!

St. Stanislaus School News

Once again we are in our last week of school for 2025. It seems like each year goes by faster and faster. Thank you to all our students, teachers and staff, parents, and parishioners who have helped make the first half of the school year a success. We could not do it without everyone's support. I cannot wait to see how the year finishes up.

WINTER MARKET: We had many new vendors in our school a couple of weeks ago for the Winter Market. It is always a great way to support local businesses. Thank you to Home and School and Crystal Miller for organizing this event.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Last week's Christmas Concert was once again phenomenal. We have such talented students. Thank you to Ms. Stumpe, our amazing music teacher, for her hard work in getting the students ready. Thank you to Ms. Andrews for sharing her gift of song. Thank you to those who helped put away chairs at the end of the performance.

HELIAS VISIT: Helias counselors came to school and went over courses for the 8th graders' freshmen year. What an exciting time for them as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives!

GOODIES & GIFTS: Thank you for showering our staff with goodies and gifts over the last couple of weeks. Everyone has enjoyed being spoiled, and we are very blessed.

STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for providing the food for our staff Christmas party. Thank you to our School Advisory Council for decorating and providing the dessert and drinks. We appreciate your generosity and support.

PREK & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Prek and Kindergarten registration will begin in January for the 2026-2027 school year. Information will be sent home with your child or mailed. Details will be updated in the STAR, the bulletin, and through the mail.

Wishing your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Many blessings,
Tina Forbs, Principal

Children's Choir Masses

The Children's Choir mass is typically scheduled for the 10:30am mass on the second weekend of the month. We are excited to offer the opportunity for the children of the parish to serve in the Liturgical Roles during these masses. If your child is interested in being a reader, Rosary Leader, Usher, Greeter or bring up offertory, please contact the Parish Center to have them added to the list.

Christmas Decoration Downsizing

An option for you if you are feeling overwhelmed by the amount of Christmas decorations that you are putting up and feel like you may want to downsize for next year. Your overflow of Christmas Decorations can be donated for the Vintage Mart held during the Parish Picnic and Fall Supper. The decorations can be dropped off at the Parish Center for storage or if questions, contact Marian Forck at 573-690-4734.

Youth Group Leader

Our St. Stanislaus D.R.E. is looking for an adult leader for the Youth Group. If you are interested in working with our 8th–12th graders, leading them in faith talks, prayer and even some games, please contact Missy at 636-4925 x4.

Steubenville STL Mid-America 2026 Informational Meeting

Dear St. Stanislaus Teens (Grades 8–12),

We are thrilled to invite St. Stanislaus Teens (Grades 8-12), to join us for **Steubenville STL Mid-America**, a powerful youth conference that will take place **July 2026 in Springfield, Missouri**. This unforgettable weekend is designed to ignite your faith, connect you with peers, and deepen your relationship with Christ.

An informational session will be held on Wednesday, **January 14, 2026 @ 6:30pm in the St. Stanislaus gymnasium**.

Devin Koelling and Emily Groner will share their experiences and excitement for this transformative spiritual opportunity.

Please RSVP for the informational session on the Parish Website (Under Special Events) by **January 7th** by scanning this QR code.



COR Gathering for Catholic Men

All Catholic men are invited to join us for COR on **Tuesday, December 23, from 7:00–8:30 PM** at the **Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center**. COR, meaning "heart," is rooted in *courage* and focuses on **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. This month's *Into the Breach* session explores the topic of **Prayer**—the foundation of every man's spiritual life. We'll discuss how Eucharistic adoration, reading Scripture, and praying the rosary strengthen our relationship with God. The session will feature **Robert Feeney's** powerful testimony on the impact of prayer during his time on the battlefield in Vietnam and throughout his life. Bring a friend and grow deeper in faith and brotherhood!

Men's Welcome Spiritual Renewal Weekend

All men of **St. Stanislaus and St. Margaret's Parish** are invited to attend our **Welcome Spiritual Renewal Weekend** — a powerful opportunity to pause, reflect, and grow in your faith.

Dates: Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 1, 2026
Location: St. Stanislaus/St. Margaret Community Center

This two-day retreat is designed to help you reconnect with God, renew your spirit, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood within our parishes. Led by men from our own community, the weekend will include prayer, reflection, fellowship, and inspiring personal stories of faith.

There is **no cost to attend**, and all meals are provided. Space is limited, so sign up early!

For more information or to register, contact:
Gary Wilbers—573-619-8700
Email—gwilbers@goascend.biz

Come and experience what God has waiting for you — a weekend that could change your life!

CHURCH CLEANING:

Sandra Moeller, Jane & Doug Abbott, Darlene Savage and Judy Eiken
(Please clean church before the weekend of December 27 & 28)
Jackie Buschjost, MaryBeth Bruns, Darla Stumpe and Cassidy Buschjost
(Please clean church before the weekend of January 3 & 4)

Liturgical Role Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

| | Wednesday, 5:30 PM | Midnight Mass | Thursday, 7:30 AM |
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| Altar Server | Alison Bruemmer | Parker Wansing Easton Barbour Madison Berendzen Kinsley Berendzen Colt Berendzen | Hayden Kohlmeier Hudson Kohlmeier |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | TBD | Deacon Czarnecki Deacon Hildebrand Dana Wilbers | Cheryl Boessen |
| Reader | Doug Kliethermes | Gary Wilbers | Tim Backes |
| Usher | Todd Boeckmann | Dale Wansing Joseph Wansing Josh Barbour | TBD |
| Greeter | TBD | TBD | Bob & Diane Hummel |
| Offertory | Missy & Ben Wilbers | Dale Wansing Family | Nancy & Toby Wilbers |
| Music Ministry | Donna Halbrook & Choir | Renee Jurgensmeyer Pam Stonner | Dianne Bisges & Group |

Liturgical Role Schedule for December 27 and 28 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

| | Saturday, 5:30 PM | Sunday, 7:30 AM | Sunday, 10:30 AM |
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| Altar Server | Easton Barbour Finley Barbour | Claire Markway Henry Markway | Adelyn Beck Colt Berendzen |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Gloria Lane | Mike Twenter | Brenda Roling |
| Reader | Debbie VanLoo | Al Savage | Luke Graessle |
| Rosary Leader | Barb Groner | Mark Heckman | Ashley Dudenhoeffer |
| Usher | Glen Reinkemeyer Gene Sandbothe Don VanLoo Luke Wilbers | Ted VanLoo Jake VanLoo Blake Wilbers John Wilbers | Cole Boessen Jeff Boessen Roger Bruemmer Ted Bruemmer |
| Greeter | Donnie & Gloria Lane | Jeff & Meredith Boessen | Brad & Molly Armstrong |
| Offertory | Adam & Leslie Buschjost | Dannie & Sue Gipe | Aaron & Sarah Weeks |
| Music Ministry | Donna Halbrook & Choir | Patty Rackers Danny & Theresa Wortmann | Ashley Dudenhoeffer Pam Stonner Audrey Kaiser |

| January 1, 2026— Thursday 8:00am | The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
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| Altar Server | TBD |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | TBD |
| Reader | Sharon Gulick |
| Rosary Leader | TBD |
| Greeter | TBD |
| Offertory | Tim & Denise Simmon |
| Music Ministry | Ashley Dudenhoeffer, Pam Stonner, Audrey Kaiser |

Liturgical Role Schedule for January 3 & 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

| | Saturday, 5:30 PM | Sunday, 7:30 AM | Sunday, 10:30 AM |
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| Altar Server | Aspen Boeckmann Alison Bruemmer | Elijah Twenter Kemper-Cole Wilbers | Wil Abbott Bo Boessen |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Emily Mantle | Sharon Gulick | Pam Stonner |
| Reader | Brenda Wilbers | Tim Simmon | Dana Frese |
| Rosary Leader | Mary Markway | Jane Meldrem | Dona Bernskoetter |
| Usher | Bill Kliethermes Jim Korsmeyer Donnie Lane Sam Lock | Toby Wilbers Tim Backes Henry Bauer Charles Bax | Cole Morehead Jake Faulkner Brian Fischer Luke Graessie |
| Greeter | Kelly Lock | Lawrence & Lori Bruemmer | Larry & Jean Armstrong |
| Offertory | Robert & Debby Hoelscher | Jim & Pat Grothoff | Brad & Molly Armstrong |
| Music Ministry | Donna Halbrook & Choir | Leann Kampeter & Diane's Group | Renee Jurgensmeyer Connie Andrews |

Upcoming Local Events

Rejoice—Adoration and Worship—Friday, December 26, 2025—
6:00–7:00 pm—St. Joseph Catholic Church in Westphalia, MO—
 Contemporary Christian Music by the Rehagen Family

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest 2025-2026

The Missouri State Council of the Knights of Columbus is conducting the annual Essay Contest. It is open to Catholic students in grades 6-8. Those students in Catholic or public schools, or who are home schooled are encouraged to participate. This Years Topic: **“Given the Fact that Pope Leo XIV was born and raised in the United States, how do you think that can inspire young men and women in our country to consider the priesthood and religious life?”**

We ask that essays be submitted no later than January 1, 2026, so they may be judged and winners submitted to the state for judging. Essays must be 350-500 words, a student's original work, reflect the assigned topic and be typed on 8 ½ x 11" paper. All entries become property of Missouri Knights of Columbus and will not be returned. Plaques will be awarded to the top 3 places for each grade level in the state. Please mail entries to: Richard Fisher, 5826 Sterling Ridge RD, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Knights of Columbus Bourbon Tasting

The Knights of Columbus invite members and prospective members to join us for a Bourbon Tasting on Friday, February 6, 2026, at the **St. Stanislaus-St. Margaret Community Center** in Wardsville. Doors open at 6:00pm, with the tasting beginning at 7:00pm. Enjoy sampling five premium bourbons, heavy appetizers, and fellowship—and each participant will receive a bottle at the end of the tasting.

The cost is \$75 per person, and space is limited to 100 seats. **RSVP and payment are required by January 31, 2025.** Bring a friend and enjoy a great evening together. For questions or registration details, contact **Chris at (573)694-3312** or check for flyers in back of Church.

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

Wardsville/Osage Bend Community Center

If you are interested in renting the K of C hall for any event, please call 573-230-4055.

St. Stanislaus Facebook Page

Check out our St. Stanislaus Church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StStanislausWardsville/>

Child Care Openings

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Development Center in Jefferson City has openings ages 1 & up. We also have a waiting list for infants, which is moving quickly. If you are interested in affordable childcare provided in a Christ-filled environment, please visit our website at www.diojeffcity.org/immaculate-heart or email lrockwell@diojeffcity.org. IHM-CDC exists to provide faith-based care and learning to the youngest of God's children.

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| Offertory Budget Year-to-Date | \$ 484,615.38 |
| Offertory Collection Year-to-Date | \$ 495,225.86 |
| Offertory Difference Year to Date | \$ 10,610.48 |
| <u>Collection in Church</u> | |
| Offertory budget for December | \$ 80,769.23 |
| December 7, 2025 | \$ 21,778.70 |
| December 14, 2025 | \$ 20,051.50 |
| December 21, 2025 | \$ |
| December 28, 2025 | \$ |
| Electronic Contributions | \$ 19,965.50 |
| Monthly Collection Total | \$ 61,795.70 |
| Monthly Difference | \$ (18,973.53) |

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.

Diocesan Summer Camps Registration 2026

The Diocese of Jefferson City holds Summer Camps for incoming middle schoolers and high schoolers. These week-long, faith based camps provide young people with adventure, fun, and community. Registration for incoming 6th-12th graders for Summer Camps will open January 31st, 2026.



MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE



*Save
the Date*

April 30, 2026
Missouri State Capitol
Jefferson City, MO

Featured Speakers:

Reagan Barklage
National Field Director
Students for Life of America

Mayra Rodriguez
Pro-Life Advocate,
Speaker, and Whistleblower
against abortion giant
Planned Parenthood

To see typical schedule from last year, get more information, and register, visit us at
midwestmarchforlife.com

We love to honor young people as they
promote the sanctity of life!

Tell us what your school or homeschool group
has been doing and apply to be the ProLife
School of Year!

School bands welcome to register to perform in
March



SHEER GOODNESS

MISSOURI CATHOLIC SUMMIT 2026



**ST. JOSEPH
CATHEDRAL**
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

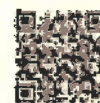


**FEBRUARY
28, 2026**



**COLLEGE
AGED YOUNG
ADULTS 18-25**

For more information and registration,
visit diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/



MARRIAGE RETREAT

FOUNDATIONS FOR A
GREAT MARRIAGE



MARCH 13-14TH, 2026

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH | JEFFERSON CITY, MO

for married couples

MINISTRY on the Move

**DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY
WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

January

St. Mary Parish, Shelbina.....22nd
St. Joseph Parish, Westphalia 23rd
St. Brendan's School Mexico 29th
SVDP Parish, Sedalia.....30th

6:30- 8:00 PM
Doors open @ 6 pm

<https://foliojeffcity.org/formation-ministry-on-the-move-2026-registration/>

Finding Joy

Living in the Spirit

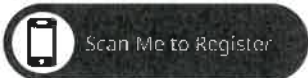
Shirley Pichler

Discover how the Holy Spirit leads us toward a life of deeper joy, peace, and purpose. This inspiring talk invites us to open our hearts to God's presence, recognize His movement in our daily lives, and embrace the joy that flows from living in true communion with Him.

Register here!

Totus Tuus 2026

*Parish summer
catechetical
program*



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday : 8 am - 1:30 pm
Dropoff in Gym - 7:30 am - 7:45 pm
Mass @ 8am
Grades : 1st - 6th

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH
JULY 12 - 17, 2026 PRICE:
\$50/STUDENT \$100/FAMILY MAX

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, ST. STANISLAUS,
ST. MARGARET'S AND ST. THOMAS
PARISHES**

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday - Thursday : 6:30 - 8:45 pm
St. Stanislaus Parish Center
Grades : 7th - 12th



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Jefferson City**

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FALL SUPPER 2025

| | <u>EXPENSES</u> | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>PROFIT</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| DINNER/CARRYOUTS | \$18,259.20 | \$35,307.00 | \$17,047.80 |
| COUNTRY STORE | \$0.00 | \$4,654.00 | \$4,654.00 |
| VINTAGE MARKET | \$0.00 | \$805.38 | \$805.38 |
| BEER | \$672.89 | \$2,921.00 | \$2,248.11 |
| RAFFLE | \$0.00 | \$7,311.00 | \$7,311.00 |
| BINGO | \$0.00 | \$1,473.00 | \$1,473.00 |
| SANDWICH/SODA STAND | \$64.00 | \$661.00 | \$597.00 |
| GAMES/NOVELTY | \$300.00 | \$532.50 | \$232.50 |
| SALE OF MEAT/LEFTOVERS | \$0.00 | \$841.00 | \$841.00 |
| ADVERTISEMENT | \$717.00 | \$0.00 | (\$717.00) |
| MISCELLANEOUS | <u>\$1,855.55</u> | <u>\$450.00</u> | <u>(\$1,405.55)</u> |
| | \$21,868.64 | \$54,955.88 | \$33,087.24 |

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| 2025 NET PROFIT----- | \$33,087.24 | |
| 2024 NET PROFIT----- | \$27,686.60 | |
| 2023 NET PROFIT----- | \$28,224.93 | |
| 2022 NET PROFIT----- | \$25,132.96 | (rev. 12/08/22) |
| 2021 NET PROFIT----- | \$19,795.04 | (rev. 02/14/22) |
| 2020 NET PROFIT----- | \$34,002.65 | (rev. 01/04/21) |

2025 - served 2,271 adults, 91 children = 2,362
 2024 - served 2,069 adults, 84 children = 2,153
 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