

December 3, 2023  
First Sunday of Advent

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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*The doors of the church are open Wednesday from  
9 am to 6 pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
and will be held in the Main Sanctuary*



*We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul, and with all our strength.  
And we shall love our neighbor as we love ourselves. - Mission Statement*

## Liturgy

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday Mass:**  
9:00 am (English)  
12:00 pm (Spanish)

**Weekday Mass:**  
Monday & Thursday 9:00 am  
Tuesday (Silver Mass) 9:00am  
Wednesday 6:00 pm  
First Friday 9:00 am

*other Fridays 9am Communion Service*

## Adoration

Hours of Exposition  
**Wednesday** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
*Church Sanctuary*

Come and Pray  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm  
*Church Sanctuary*

## Reconciliation

**Saturday:** 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

## Upcoming Holy Day Masses

**Immaculate Conception Mass times**  
*Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7pm (bilingual),  
Friday, Dec 8th Noon & 7pm (bilingual)*

**Christmas Masses**  
*Sunday, Dec 24th at 5pm (Children)  
Midnight Mass  
Monday, Dec 25th at 8:30am  
Monday, Dec 25th 1pm Mass Spanish*

*Call the parish office to set up an appointment with father Paco if you are wishing to schedule a sacrament/celebration.*

*The church office and food pantry will be closed and no Masses on days of bad weather (if Webb City Schools cancel).*

# SACRED HEART NEWS

Advent is here! Advent is here for you and me, for all of us!

We are opening the door to a new liturgical year, and I would like to invite you and your family to set 3 spiritual goals for this new year within the Church.

A few years ago, I was traveling, and I met by accident a woman who months later became a member of the US Supreme Court. I remember how excited I was meeting her and how overwhelmed I was because she gave me a book with her autograph. Then, the same year ADVENT came, and I challenged myself to be more excited and prepared to meet the Lord. The joy, the spiritual excitement and the preparation for Jesus is very rewarding. IT IS SO WORTH IT TO WAIT FOR JESUS!

ADVENT is such a powerful and spiritual journey with so many good things and opportunities. Typically, we say it is a season of preparation, waiting and warming up our hearts for the celebrations of Christmas. But if we push ourselves harder, we can embrace this new season and new liturgical year with such faith and passion like never before in our lives.

I pray and I hope this ADVENT SEASON brings you hope, peace, joy, and a lot of LOVE. There is something you can help me with at the beginning of this ADVENT SEASON. First, let us offer our ADVENT PRAYER every day for ourselves and our parish family. The prayer will be in our bulletin, our website, and social media. Second, let us pray for each other. For every member and every family so many of us will be ready and prepared to welcome BABY JESUS once again.

ADVENT helps us to get ourselves ready to meet the Lord. During ADVENT WE WATCH, AND WE WAIT. But also, we can walk the extra mile for Jesus. It might require from each one of us a little extra effort in prayer, maybe attending an extra Mass, maybe celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation, maybe forgiving someone, maybe making the phone call to a kid or grandkid a little neglected this year, maybe restoring a relationship with a friend, neighbor, or family member. Have you considered slowing down with technology or social media? Have you considered slowing down with arguments and disputes, to make an intentional effort to keep the peace this season?

The point is, ADVENT is such a powerful and spiritual journey. A journey of possibilities of growing in your faith, getting closer to Jesus and one another. But let me tell you something...WE MUST HAVE A PLAN FOR THE SEASON.

I would like to encourage you to make this ADVENT SEASON a time of silence, prayer, and contemplation so at the end of the season we can answer the question: ARE WE READY TO MEET THE LORD?

Pope Francis says a powerful phrase for our Advent: "Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" ([Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 December 2013](#)).

Happy and blessed ADVENT for you and your family.  
Father Paco

## **Advent Supplies**

PCCW will be selling advent wreaths, candles, and calendars after masses on Dec 2/3.

## **Christmas Baskets**

Please see Janet Taylor after Mass if interested in adopting families for Christmas baskets. We are also accepting donations to cover food expenses and any families not adopted. Please place donation in collection basket and mark "Christmas baskets" or see Carleen Herbert after Mass. Please return gifts by Thursday morning Dec 14th. If you know of anyone in need of assistance this Christmas season, please contact Carleen.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry supply is running extremely low. Please consider helping make shawls or lap blankets for those who are battling illness or in need of a loving embrace. Contact LeAnn Wilson for details at 417-529-6863 or [fbwido@gmail.com](mailto:fbwido@gmail.com)

## **Sacred Heart Food Pantry**

Tues. & Thurs. 9am -12pm.

Only current need is

**Instant Potatoes, Spaghetti Sauce  
and Canned Fruit**

Donations can be placed in the baskets at the church entrances.

THANK YOU!

## **Let us pray for our Sacred Heart shut-ins:**

*Those not able to attend Mass*

Jean & Julio Arteaga  
Edwina Bock  
Steve Bock  
Ed & Gisele DesAutels  
Charimonde Heger  
Donna Kadolph  
Yen Pham  
Cynthia Perez  
Magdalena Ramos  
Rosa Rios  
Dorothy Schmidt  
Rhonda Seils

## **Actively Serving Military:**

Petty officer Charles Bock III, USN  
PO3 Judson Russell, USN

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

*If you want a shut in or Actively serving military to  
this list, email the bulletin at  
[sacredheartbulletinwc@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartbulletinwc@gmail.com)*

## **Hearing Assistance**

For those of you that have a hard time hearing during mass, we have 4 assisted hearing headsets available in the sacristy. If you need assistance with hearing during mass please notify one of the ushers or Tom Cushing and they will help you with a headset. These should be able to be worn over most hearing aids.

## **O Sacrament Most Holy**

O Sacrament Most Holy,  
O Sacrament divine,  
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine.

# SACRED HEART NEWS

## ADVENT PRAYER

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, you remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul, and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

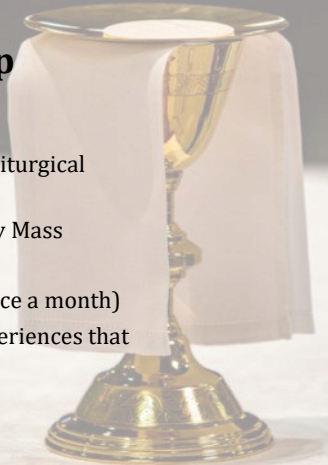
Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

## Eucharistic Revival Year of the Parish Reinvigorating Worship

How can WE the People go deeper?

- practice a renewed and reverent liturgical silence
- consider how you can attend daily Mass
- read about the Eucharist
- go to confession more (at least once a month)
- talk to others about powerful experiences that happened at Mass

Consider going deeper into your faith through one or two of these practices.



## Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group will meet after daily Mass on Monday. We will complete our study of the Eucharist using Dr. Scott Hahn's book The Fourth Cup. Please read chapters 13 and 14.

The group will take a break after meeting on December 4th. We will resume meetings on January 8th when we will begin a study of the Mass and the Eucharist based on a series of talks given by Bishop Robert Barron. No book will be required. All are welcome.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE/

## SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA DE ADVIENTO

7:00pm



December 4,  
at  
Sacred Heart,  
Webb City

4 de  
diciembre,  
en Sagrado  
Corazon

December 5,  
at  
St. Ann's

5 de  
diciembre,  
en la  
Santa Ana

# THIS WEEK AT SACRED HEART

	Daily Readings	Mass Intentions	Happening Today
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Dec 2</i>	Dn 7:15-27 <b>Gospel</b> Lk 21:34-36	<b>5:00pm:</b> Ben and Alissa Reddin's Anniversary By: Steve and Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 5:00pm</li> <li>• 2nd Collection - Building &amp; Maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Dec 3</i>	IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 1 COR 1:3-9 <b>Gospel</b> MK 13:33-37	<b>9:00am: (+)</b> Joseph (5 souls) & Teresa (2 souls) By: Pham Family <b>12:00pm: (+)</b> Angie Lorena Gordillo, (+) Jose Gordillo, (+) María Villamil, & (+) Miguel Labrada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masses 9:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish)</li> <li>• 2nd Collection - Building &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>• PSR Classes 10:30am</li> </ul>
<b>Monday</b> <i>Dec 4</i>	Is 2:1-5 <b>Gospel</b> Mt 8:5-11	<b>9:00am: (+)</b> Riney Wilbert, Sr. By: Billie Wilbert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9am, Church Sanctuary</li> <li>• Scripture Study Class after 9am Mass</li> <li>• Advent Penance service 7:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>Dec 5</i>	Is 11:1-10 <b>Gospel</b> Lk 10:21-24	<b>9:00am: (+)</b> Denny Smith By: Morning Mass Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Silver Mass 9am, Chapel</li> <li>• Food Pantry 9-12pm</li> <li>• Crossline's Workday 10-2pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>Dec 6</i>	Is 25:6-10a <b>Gospel</b> Mt 15:29-37	<b>6:00pm: (+)</b> All Souls By: Joseph Nguyen and Nga Do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Mass 6pm</li> <li>• Adoration 9am-6pm,</li> <li>• No YOSH</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>Dec 7</i>	Is 26:1-6 <b>Gospel</b> Mt 7:21, 24-27	<b>9:00am:</b> All Deceased Nguyen Family Members By: Nguyen Family <b>7:00pm: (+)</b> Arnold Crihfield By: David & Debbie Streeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 9:00am</li> <li>• Food Pantry 9-12pm</li> <li>• Immaculate Conception Mass 7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> <i>Dec 8</i>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 <b>Gospel</b> Lk 1:26-38	<b>12:00pm:</b> For the intentions of Mary <b>7:00pm: (+)</b> Gerald Tuck By: LeAnn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immaculate Conception Masses Noon &amp; 7pm</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>Dec 9</i>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 <b>Gospel</b> Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	<b>5:00pm:</b> For the Intentions of Fr. Paco By: Seven Sisters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 5:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>Dec 10</i>	IS 40:1-5, 9-11 2 PT 3:8-14 <b>Gospel</b> MK 1:1-8	<b>9:00am: (+)</b> C.R. "Dick" Webb By: Billie Wilbert <b>12:00pm: (+)</b> Eduwiges y (+) Elena Maturino By: Urbina Maturino Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masses 9:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish)</li> <li>• PSR Classes 10:30am</li> </ul>

*For Guadalupe Celebration events see schedule on next page. All are welcome!*

### Happy Birthday!

- Dec 3** Christian Gurubel, Jule Jones, Ann Parker
- Dec 4** Alfredo Choca, Noreen Pendergraft, Pasquinel Valenzuela
- Dec 5** Sadie Heckmaster, Alvaro Taleno Perez
- Dec 6** Aitana Almarez, Sue Johnson, Tammy Surgi, Sr Fernando Trujillo
- Dec 7** Julissa Martinez, Shannon Newland
- Dec 8**
- Dec 9** Karla Perez, Paul Waggoner

### Mass Collections 11/25/23 & 11/26/23

Weekend Masses \$6,643.00

Misc \$2,248.94

**TOTAL Collected \$8,891.94**

### Sacred Heart Prayer Chain

If you want to submit a prayer request or be added to the emails to offer prayers, contact Tim at [prayerchainshwc@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchainshwc@gmail.com)

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	12/2/23	12/3/23	12/9/23	12/10/23
<b>Lectors</b>	Volunteer Richard Bashor	Sue Johnson Cindy House	Julie Ware Terrian Williams	Rosalie Hedin Tim Newland
<b>Body</b>	Alice Hamilton Mike Hamilton	Stephanie Attaway Pam Drake	Dennis Ware Betty Granholm	Dan Elwell Julia Gainther
<b>Blood</b>	Pat Lonardo Chuck Lonardo Linda Cushing Judy Bashor	Terrah Udock Johna Baldassaro James Chuta LeAnn Wilson	Linda Cushing Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Annie Yost Shirley Willy Carla Liby Tina Surgi
<b>Servers</b>	Tom Cushing	Kevin Plier	Steve Reddin	Mike Wilson James Baldassaro
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteer Volunteer	Ryan Baldassaro Jason Spangler Shaun Kloer Mark Johnson	Curt Staab Volunteer	Ryan Baldassaro Jason Spangler Shaun Kloer Mark Johnson
<b>Music</b>	Paula Kamler Stephanie Attaway Emily Elwell	Paula Kamler Stephanie Attaway Emily Elwell	Judy Bashor Chris Richards Janet Taylor LeAnn Wilson	Judy Bashor Chris Richards Janet Taylor LeAnn Wilson

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## CALENDARIO DE CELEBRACIÓN

DEL 10 DE DICIEMBRE  
AL 12 DE DICIEMBRE

03-12

• NOVENA ROSARIOS

10

**11:00 AM**  
• ROSARIO  
• PROCESIÓN

**12:00 PM**  
• MISA  
• **Danzas tradicionales y  
bailes folclóricos.**

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**9:30 PM**  
• ROSARIO  
• PROCESIÓN

**10:30PM**  
• MISA  
• **Serenata a medianoche.**  
• **Participación especial  
Chuyin Gutierrez.**

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**5:00**  
• MAÑANITAS  
**6:00 AM**  
• MISA

**7:00 PM**  
• MISA  
• **Participación especial  
Chuyin Gutierrez.**

# CELEBRACIÓN 2023 DÍA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

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## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

17-21 July 2023 – Indianapolis, Ohio

### Have you thought about going?

- Youth of Sacred Heart, want to extend that NCCYC spiritual high? Consider this as a next step in growing your faith.
- Are you looking for more? Seeking? Searching? You can go for a day or the week. The revival website has daily activities, speakers & costs. Ask Stephanie Attaway for more info.



## WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

Do you want to become one?

A missionary disciple witnesses to his or her experience of the love of God in Jesus in their life. Filled with the joy of this love, one wants to share this with others, whether children, youth, or adults.

*Do you have a story to share? Share it today!*

## Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Have you noticed the Revival Prayer cards in the Pews? Yes, the ones that fall to the floor and take up space between books. Pick it up & Pray.

Let's start praying it after every rosary before Mass. Let's add this prayer to open our hearts and minds to what the Eucharist means to us when we receive it at every Mass. Jesus in you! Pray it until you BELIEVE it.

Pray it to open your mind and ask questions about it?

Be inquisitive. God wants you to ask, learn, know and BELIEVE that He is the Source & Summit of your Christian Spirituality wrapped in the Eucharist.

Take a picture of the Prayer card and pray it everyday at home.

**Are you able to come to one Daily Mass a week?**

**Parish Revival  
Pillar #1 – Reinstantiate  
Worship**

**Parish Revival  
Pillar #2 – Create Moments  
of Personal Encounter**

*"My flesh for the life of the world."*

# Source & Summit

**Parish Revival  
Pillar #3 – Engage in  
Robust Faith Formation**

**Parish Revival  
Pillar #4 – Catholics go  
forth as Missionaries**

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN FAITH

- ❖ Advent 2023 – Prepare the Way of the Lord
- ❖ 4 Dec, 7pm – Sacred Heart Advent Penance Service – Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ❖ 17 Dec, Sun – Rosary 8 am followed by Concert by Filipino singer, Julious DeChavez at 8:30
- ❖ Diocesan Sacred Heart Pilgrimage – Dec 2023-Dec 2024 visit all 12 Sacred Heart Churches – plan short trips with your friends – gift & certificate offered by Bishop upon completion
- ❖ Eucharistic Revival Small Group Study – Jesus in the Eucharist – Interested? – Stephanie Attaway needs volunteers to be Table Facilitators – It's not hard and you will be trained

## Eucharistic Table

The Eucharist is consecrated on not merely a table, but an **Altar**. "Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful" (CCC 1383). The altar is therefore not a remote and isolated image of Christ, but one standing in the midst of his people. Altars have been present in both the Old & New Covenants. Think of the shapes/sizes/looks of all the altars you have ever seen in your life.

**Altar Cloths** - The altar is covered with a linen cloth for protection. It can be colored to match the liturgical season or provide decoration and is generally left on the altar except after Holy Thursday when Jesus is stripped of his garments. It is a sign of reverence for the holy place upon which the Body and Blood of Christ is offered.

The next cloth unfolded by the priest is the **Corporeal**. It must be white, symbolizing purity and to see small particles of the Eucharist if they fall.

**Watch as Father sets the table.**

### **INVITATION TO SERVE AS A PERPETUAL PILGRIM**

The National Eucharistic Congress, Inc. is excited to invite young people ages 19-29 to apply in service as Perpetual Pilgrims along the four distinct routes destined for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. Joined by a priest chaplain, a consistent group of volunteers is needed to accompany Jesus in the Eucharist from May 17 to July 21, 2024. Perpetual Pilgrims will travel a combined distance of 6,500 miles, stopping at many holy sites along this unprecedented coast-to-coast pilgrimage modeled after the Gospel account of Jesus' journey to Emmaus two millennia ago. **The deadline to apply is Tue., Nov. 28, 2023.** More info is available on the flier on North entrance bulletin board.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Questions have been asked regarding the Masses for the **Fourth Sunday of Advent** (Dec. 24) and the **Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**. Please note that the Scripture readings and prayers for the anticipatory Mass on Saturday (Dec. 23) and the Sunday morning Masses on Dec. 24 are taken from the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Scripture readings and prayers offered on the evening of Sun., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) are taken from the Vigil Mass of Christmas OR the Mass during the Night, when the Mass is offered later in the evening. The faithful are reminded that there is an obligation of Mass attendance attached to both the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as the Christmas Mass (since Christmas itself is a Holy Day of Obligation). In short, a person cannot attend Mass on Sunday evening and have it fulfill the obligation for both Sunday and Christmas. The obligations are distinct from one another.

### **UPCOMING SACRED HEART PILGRIMAGE: Dec. 27, 2023-Dec. 27, 2024**

This December 27, 2023, will mark the 350th anniversary of the revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Our diocese is blessed with 12 parishes named in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During the 350th anniversary, which begins on the date of the first apparition, Dec. 27, and will conclude next year on December 27, 2024, I encourage all Catholics to grow in their devotion and love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the diocesan Website, you will find a collection of time-honored prayers and resources to encourage and enhance your devotion. In addition, I am encouraging the faithful to make a "pilgrimage" to each of the 12 parishes. The Office of Communications has partnered with the Office of Faith Formation to create a kit for the 12 parishes, which includes a stamp, prayers to pray during your visit, and Sacred Heart devotionals. A "passport" for this purpose can be easily downloaded from the Website, [here](#), or it may be clipped from the Nov. 24 edition of *The Mirror*. Then, with each visit, pilgrims can stamp the "passport" of the parish they are visiting. Once the 12-parish pilgrimage is completed, simply mail the passport to the Office of the Bishop, and I will send them a gift, along with a certificate of completion.

### **You're Invited to:**

## ***Your Family's Future: Estate Planning and Guidance***

Members of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Peter's are invited to an estate planning session on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m. and Monday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. These two meetings will cover the same topics and are meant to be educational and informational. *No legal advice will be given during these presentations.*

Speakers include Russ Alcorn and Fr. Brian Straus

### **Topics include**

- Intro to Estate Planning
- Wills and Living Wills
- Trusts
- Power of Attorney
- Healthcare Directives
- Beneficiary Designations
- Avoiding Probate
- Charitable Giving in an Estate Plan

**WED., NOV. 29 or MON., DEC. 4**  
**9:30 - 11 a.m. 3 - 4:30 p.m.**

St. Peter the Apostle in Our Lady's Hall  
812 S. Pearl Ave. Joplin, MO 64801

Contact [mcomer@jacss.org](mailto:mcomer@jacss.org) to RSVP



Prepare yourself this Advent to welcome Our Lord Jesus into your heart and your life more than you ever have before.

# **Healing Through the Eucharist**

**Friday, December 15th-Bonus Night  
and Saturday 16th-The Conference**

at St. Elizabeth, Ann Seton Catholic Church,  
2200 West Republic Road, Springfield, Missouri.

**Featuring Fr. Patrick Gonyeau**  
with Encounter Ministries



Experience transformation and healing of your soul through Inspirational Talks, Mass, Adoration, Healing Service, Blessing of Religious items, and more.

Praise and Worship by Julius deChavez  
Lunch & Dinner provided.

Scan QR Code or visit us at [www.strengtheningandhealing.org](http://www.strengtheningandhealing.org)



For more information, contact:  
Shelly: 417-838-2730  
or Jan: 417-763-1579 for  
questions about our event.



## Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

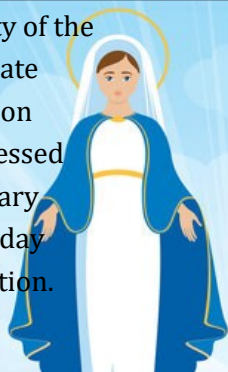
### **For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

*"May we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, particularly aware of Christ in the poor, the homeless, and the hungry."*  
BISHOP EDWARD M. RICE

**December**  
PRAYER INTENTION

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.



Thursday, Dec. 7th at 7pm  
Friday, Dec. 8th Noon & 7pm

Feast of the  
**Immaculate  
Conception**  
December 8

*"For when I was naked, you clothed me."*

Too many children throughout the United States go without a coat each winter.

Please consider donating new and or gently used coats, hats, and mittens from October through December. A collection box will be located in the back of the church. All donations will be going to Children's Haven, Helping Hands and/or Carthage crisis center for children in need.

If you would prefer to leave a monetary donation please address that to the Knights Of Columbus and place in the offertory basket. The funds will be used to purchase new coats.

## CAMP RE-NEW-ALL

*Celebrating 50 years in the diocese!*

All youth going into 5th-9th grade during the 2024-2025 school year, are invited to register for a week of fun and faith filled activities at our diocesan Catholic summer camp. Participants have a choice of attending camp at two different locations.

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AT 3:30PM ON DECEMBER 13, 2023.** Some age groups and camp dates fill quickly so early registration is recommended to secure your desired date.

*Look for the brochure in the parish hall for more details and to sign up.*

## **Sacred Heart Christmas Masses**

### **December 24th & 25th**

Sunday, Dec 24th at 5pm (Children)  
Midnight Mass

Monday, Dec 25th at 8:30am

Monday, Dec 25th 1pm Mass Spanish



# JOPLIN AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**JACS is hiring part time bus drivers:** The part-time driver will drive for field trips, activities and sporting events as needed. A current Class B CDL license with passenger and school bus endorsements are required. If you have any questions, please contact Darren Cook at [dcook@jacschools.org](mailto:dcook@jacschools.org) or at (417) 624-5003.

**JACS Outstanding Educator and Benefactor of the Year:** The JACS Outstanding Educator and Benefactor of the Year nominations are now open. These are great ways to highlight and recognize our teachers and supporters who are positively impacting our school community. Please prayerfully consider submitting a nomination and recognizing someone in our school community, both of whom will be recognized during Catholic Schools Week. Contact [development@jacss.org](mailto:development@jacss.org) for a nomination form.

**Christmas programs:** Join us to celebrate the Christmas season with our St. Mary's students. The K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas program "The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd" is on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. at St. Mary's in the Parish Hall. The Preschool program begins at 6 p.m. in the Commons on Dec. 14.

**Mercy Park Holiday Tree Trail:** Be sure to visit the JACS Tree on display at Mercy Park during the Holiday Tree Trail.

**Mercy Meals:** Need a meal? McAuley Catholic and St. Peter's Middle School students prepare **Mercy Meals** for those in need. If you know someone who may need a meal or if you yourself need a meal, please contact the development office at [development@jacss.org](mailto:development@jacss.org) to make arrangements for a meal. Students have made a number of homemade meals for individuals and families in need.

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