

ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

Please join us on Wednesday nights
in the parish hall
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
No Classes December 24 & 31

This week's topics:

- The Greatest Commandments
- The Ten Commandments
- Precepts of the Church

Questions - please contact Terry Miller at
millert832@gmail.com.

Vocations Discernment Retreat

Men, ages 16 and above are invited to the Quo Vadis? retreat, **December 19-21**, held at the Sisters of St. Francis Retreat Center in Independence, MO.

Quo vadis, Latin for "Where are you going?" was the challenge Christ addressed to St. Peter when he was fleeing Rome. At this retreat, it is our hope you will learn to pray more deeply, open your heart more fully, spend time with vibrant priests and seminarians from the diocese, and interact with other men who, like you, are courageous enough to explore the question "Quo Vadis?"

You are invited to step away from the noise and distractions of daily life and spend the weekend listening for the Lord's voice. If you're unsure about the priesthood, but open to God's call, this retreat is for you!

Click the QR code to register.
Deadline to register is December 15th
Questions: Contact Kelly Roper
816-714-2381 or kroper@kcsjdiocese.org



ADVENT ROSARY

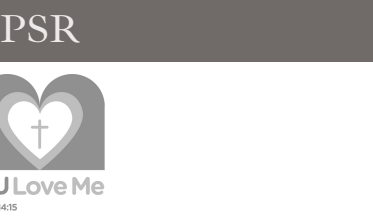
Join us to pray the rosary on Monday evenings
during Advent starting at 7:00 pm.

Questions? Contact Heather Boddicker 319-541-3750

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1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org 816-213-6024
The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information



Commandment of the Month for December The 4th Commandment "Honor your father and mother"

Hello Children. Why do you think God gave you the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and mother?" Was it just to make you obey your parents? Or, did God have something more in mind?

The 4th Commandment is not just about obeying your parents. It is about preparing you for a good future. When you learn to honor and obey your parents, you are preparing yourself for a good life. A life of happiness, friendship and goodness.

Throughout your life, you will make thousands of choices. Many of those choices will appear good, but in reality, they will cause problems and unhappiness. To help guide you to make wise decisions, God gave you your parents. In their love, your parents will help you see beyond the temptations that appear good, but are empty, false and lead to heartache, so you can make wise choices, avoid problems, and experience the joy and happiness that is truly satisfying. As you learn to make wise choices, you will be preparing yourself for a more promising future.

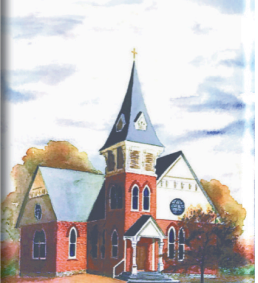
PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

For those who were not able to be photographed in November, **you may submit a digital photo of your family via email (stannplattsburg@gmail.com) along with \$15 (marked DIRECTORY) to be included. Please identify the names in the photo.** Our directory will not be complete without your family in it! Please email a photo by 12/31/2025.

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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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Terry Miller

VISITATION SODALITY

Shannon Hansen
Gina Watton
Mary Hale
Collene Cole

CALVARY CEMETERY

Cody O'Connor



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

This is my body given for you. Luke 22:19

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday - 10:45 AM
Saturday - 4 PM

DAILY MASS

Wednesday - 6 PM
Tues/Thu - 12 PM

CONFESSION

Repent, therefore and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away. Acts 3:19

WEDNESDAY
5:30 PM

SATURDAY
3:00 PM

Contact Fr. Drew for Appts

ADORATION

The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host. - Sheen

JANUARY 7-8, 2025

Please sign up in the narthex.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office
816-539-2634
follow instructions.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Pastor 6-9 months before the proposed date.

stannplattsburg.org
816-539-2634
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PLATTSBURG, MO
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ALTAR SERVERS

SUN, DEC 14 - 10:45 AM
MC - Jonathan Friedl
T - Grant Schuster
A - Pierre Moraille
A - Justin Friedl
S - David Woody

R - Terry Miller

SUN, DEC 21 - 10:45 AM
MC - Grant Schuster
T - Mark Durando
A - Brogan Noll
A - Ambrose Green
S - Tyler Walock

R - Dino Durando

MASS INTENTION REQUEST
Mass intention envelopes are in the narthex. Place your Mass intention envelope with your \$10 stipend in the basket. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
We pray for our elderly, infirm, and homebound:
O God, your Son accepted sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Vicki Anseume, Allen Bence, Kenneth Carey, Etta Mae Carlson, Pat Clingan, Edward Cook, Nancy Conley, Paul Daily, Lori Echols, Janice Fristoe, Cindy Gaines-Walter, Martha Gerling, Cara Green, Jean Harris, Tom Kutz, Sylvia McColleston, **Tom Morgan**, Don Price, Lee & Barbara Schwery, Amy Spriesterbach, Bob Swope, Steve VanHorn, Marie VanHorn, Tonia Vigilante, William Wolford Jr, Meryle Young, Claudia Ziegler, Lindsay Plathe

In Loving Memory
Eternal Rest Grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

To add or change a name please email - stannplattsburg@gmail.com.

COLLECTION	
DEC 6, 2025 - DEC 7, 2025	
Offertory:	\$ 3,846.00
Online:	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$ 3,846.00
\$3718.56 needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!	

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, DEC 13 - 4 PM
Nancy Conley
By: Clark & Cheryl Bloomer

SUN, DEC 14 - 10:45 AM
Ben & Meghan Richey
By: Gary & Suzanna Cierpoit

TUES, DEC 16 - 12:00 PM
Holy Souls in Purgatory
By: Krysak Family

WED, DEC 17 - 6:00 PM
The Parishioners of St. Ann

THURS, DEC 18 - 12:00 PM
Bill Wagner, Jr +
By: Terry & Carleen Miller

SAT, DEC 20 - 4 PM
Cale Flores
By: Keith & Shannon Hansen

SUN, DEC 21 - 10:45 AM
Romane Myles
By: Anonymous



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR
FR. KEVIN DREW
Creator of the Stars at Night

CREATOR of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Thy servants when they call.

The chant *Creator of the Stars at Night* was written in the 9th century, if not before. And the present melody was written in England in the 11th century.

Tragically, in the 16th century Christendom was shattered to pieces. Countries like Germany, England, Holland, Switzerland, and Sweden threw off their Catholic past and heritage and began a new order of things. Liturgically, this meant throwing out Latin hymns, chants and prayers, and replacing them with new vernacular songs and vernacular liturgies which featured presiders instead of priests and fellowship meals instead of ritual sacrifice. The transformation of worship paved the way for the transformation of the culture, and ushered in our modern secular world.

In 19th century England there arose the Oxford Movement. Church of England (Anglican) priests began studying medieval England (before it became Protestant). They also studied the writings of the Early Church Fathers, like St Augustine, Jerome, and Ambrose. Many of these English priests became Catholic, the most famous being John Cardinal Henry Newman, who coined the phrase: “To be deep in history is to cease to be Protestant.”

The 19th century Church of England priest John Mason Neale translated *Creator of the Stars* from the Latin. It was known as *Conditor alme siderum* and had been chanted for centuries at Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the Church, especially in Advent. Neale became a prolific translator of such ancient hymns, and in doing so he incurred the wrath of his fellow Protestants who accused him of being an agent of the Vatican. Today, Neale’s most popular Latin translation is of *Veni, Veni Emanuel*, which had its beginnings in the 8th century. We know it as *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.

Creator of the Stars and *O Come O Come Emmanuel* are known as plainchant or plainsong, a form of chanting that emerged around 100 AD. Taking its cue from the Jewish synagogue and temple, plainchant does not use any instruments for accompaniment, but only voices. This was the only type of music allowed at Mass for the first several centuries. The Church taught that the music should make those listening reflect on spiritual and not secular things. That was why the melody was kept pure and unaccompanied.

The Church still teaches this. Popes throughout the 20th century and through Benedict XVI have urged for a return to simple chants at Holy Mass. Not only does it promote active participation, these chants sound like “church.” They sound holy, and thereby help us to enter into the sacred mysteries in a more reverent manner. Another term for reverence is “fear of the Lord.” Chanting at Mass then is more important than most people realize. As Scripture states: *Near indeed is His salvation – to those who fear Him.*

Near indeed is the Creator of the stars at night, the people’s everlasting light. And so we chant: *Jesu, redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servants when they call.*


CATHOLIC MONTH OF DECEMBER

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "From all eternity God chose with infinite wisdom the woman who would be the Mother of His divine Son. To prepare for the Word Incarnate a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. St. Thomas teaches that through her intimacy with Christ, the principle of grace, she possessed beyond all creatures a fullness of divine life."

— Liturgical Meditations, The Sisters of St. Dominic

This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity. "Mary alone — 'our tainted nature's solitary boast'— never saw her soul's purity darkened with the dust of any stain, nor did she see in any part of her triumphal course toward heaven any sin or trace of worldliness. By a unique and singular privilege from God she was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception; by another privilege derived from the first, the Lord did not permit her ever to be stained even with those unavoidable failings of human weakness." — Luis M. Martinez



VIRTUE: UNION

QUI MANET IN CHARITATE, IN DEO MANET, ET DEUS IN EO----
WHO ABIDETH IN CHARITY, ABIDETH IN GOD, AND GOD IN HIM.----
1 JOHN 4:16

THE OBJECT OF ALL VIRTUES IS TO BRING US INTO UNION WITH GOD, IN WHICH ALONE IS LAID UP ALL THE HAPPINESS THAT CAN BE ENJOYED IN THIS WORLD. NOW, IN WHAT DOES THIS UNION PROPERLY CONSIST? IN NOTHING SAVE A PERFECT CONFORMITY AND RESEMBLANCE BETWEEN OUR WILL AND THE WILL OF GOD, SO THAT THESE THESE TWO WILLS ARE ABSOLUTELY ALIKE----THERE IS NOTHING IN ONE REPUGNANT TO THE OTHER; ALL THAT ONE WISHES AND LOVES, THE OTHER WISHES AND LOVES; WHATEVER PLEASES OR DISPLEASES ONE, PLEASES OR DISPLEASES THE OTHER.----ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Bishop Johnston’s Prayer intentions for the month of DECEMBER

For the relief, consolation, and recovery of all those impacted in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, and the Philippines by the recent hurricane and typhoon.

The Holy Father’s Prayer intentions for the month of DECEMBER

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 24 @4:00 pm
Thursday, December 25 @Midnight - (Fr. Fenlon)
Thursday, December 25 @10:45 am



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
REV. DENIS KEILY COUNCIL #9401

Upcoming Events:
December 14 - St. Nicholas Party

Business meetings:
2nd Saturday of each month - 9AM
For more info please contact :
Eric Niemann, Recruiter, at eniemann@1791.com

VISITATION SODALITY

The Visitation Sodality is an organization made up of all age ladies, dedicated to serving the parish and our Priest. We strive to support the liturgy and the altar, social functions and funerals. Please consider joining us in our mission to serve our parish family.

UPCOMING EVENTS
DECEMBER 14 - SOUP SUNDAY MONTHLY MEETING - NO DECEMBER MEETING
Come check out our store located in the Parish Hall. We have sacramentals, gifts, books, veils, and more! All proceeds go to serving our Church and our Parish Family.

Contact Shannon Hansen for more info :
hansenfamily1999@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. ANN

You can sponsor flowers for \$40 a week in honor or memorial of a loved one. Their name and yours will be listed in the bulletin. Please make your checks payable to the Visitation Sodality and in the memo write flowers. Your gift will be assigned the next available week, unless you have a specific week in mind. Envelopes for flowers are in the back of the church and can be placed in the collection basket.

PLATTSBURG NURSING HOME APOSTOLATE
Members of our parish are currently visiting residents at Oakridge and Nick's Healthcare Center here in Plattsburg.
If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Terry and Carleen Miller at (816) 930-2976

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a world wide lay apostolic association of Catholics dedicated to praying and working for Mary for the salvation of souls. The parish needs people willing to give a little of their time to Mary. There's not a better person to pray and work for but Mary, and not a better reason to pray and work than for the salvation of souls.

Meetings are Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Rectory.
Questions: call Sherry Kutz (217) 260-7338