

## ADULT CATECHISM CLASSES

Please join us on Wednesday nights  
in the parish hall  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**This week's topics:**  
**No Classes December 24 & 31**

Questions - please contact Terry Miller at  
[millert832@gmail.com](mailto:millert832@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto: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.

**"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means: God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)**

Mary's trust in God's plan is a model for all vocations. Could God be inviting you to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, living fully for Him to bring His presence to others? Embrace His call with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to Kelly Roper in the Vocation Office at 816-714-2381 or via email: [kroper@kcsjdiocese.org](mailto:kroper@kcsjdiocese.org)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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



## Commandment of the Month for December

### The 4th Commandment

"Honor your father and mother"

The 4th Commandment is a complete guidebook for family life. It provides children the wisdom needed to choose good friends and how to be a good friend. It offers the recipe for strong, loving and fun marriages, and it paves the way for children to have a successful and joy-filled future. God incorporated all these family treasures in just one of His AMAZING Ten Commandments.

An easy way to teach children the 4th Commandment is to tell them to hold up four fingers on their right hand. Then, holding the four fingers just above their right eye, as though they are saluting, have them say, "The 4th Commandment is, Honor your father and mother."

## ADVENT ROSARY

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

Questions? Contact Heather Boddicker 319-541-3750

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary will be December 31 @ 5:00 PM. On Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass will be at 10:45 am. Also note: there will not be a noon Mass on 12/30 due to Frassati classes not in session.

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## LISTEN TO FR. DREW'S DAILY MASS ON CATHOLIC RADIO - 1090 AM

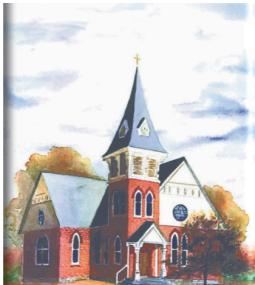
MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:00 AM

FR. DREW'S HOMILIES AIR AT 3:50 PM

Tune into Catholic Radio at 1090 AM or go [catholicradio.com](http://catholicradio.com) and click on "Listen Live".

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:  
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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information

# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 21, 2025

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PASTOR

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### LEGION OF MARY

Tom Kutz  
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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

### CONFESION

*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](http://stannplattsburg.org)  
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PLATTSBURG, MO  
64477

## ALTAR SERVERS

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 INTENTIONS

SAT, DEC 20 - 4 PM

Cale Flores

By: Keith & Shannon Hansen

SUN, DEC 21 - 10:45 AM

Romane Myles

By: Anonymous

TUES, DEC 23 - 12:00 PM

Holy Souls in Purgatory

WED, DEC 24 - 4:00 PM

The Parishioners of St. Ann

THURS, DEC 25 - 12:00 AM

Priests & Religious

By: Anonymous

THURS, DEC 25 - 10:45 AM

Jill Lehr

By: Mike Lehr

SAT, DEC 27 - 4 PM

Dan & Mary Brunetti

By: Rita Dirkes

SUN, DEC 28 - 10:45 AM

Michael Dirkes

By: Rita Dirkes

## 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 McCollester, **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](mailto:stannplattsburg@gmail.com).

## COLLECTION

DEC 13, 2025 - DEC 14 2025

Offertory: \$ 3,322.00

Online: \$ 310.00

**Total: \$ 3,632.00**

**\$3718.56** needed weekly to meet our budget. The monthly operating budget is distinct from the capital campaign. Thank you for your generosity!



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

### FR. KEVIN DREW



#### Eve and Mary

*The great Church Father St Irenaeus (d.202 AD) was a disciple of St Polycarp, who was a disciple of St John, the "disciple whom Christ loved." Read how Irenaeus stressed the Virgin Mary's unique cooperation with Christ in our redemption, which would have her regarded as "co-redemptrix," or "co-mediatrix" ...*

From a treatise Against Heresies by St Irenaeus, bishop **Eve and Mary**

The Lord, coming into his own creation in visible form, was sustained by his own creation which he himself sustains in being. His obedience on the tree of the cross reversed the disobedience at the tree in Eden; the good news of the truth announced by an angel to Mary, a virgin subject to a husband, undid the evil lie that seduced Eve, a virgin espoused to a husband.

As Eve was seduced by the word of an angel and so fled from God after disobeying his word, Mary in her turn was given the good news by the word of an angel, and bore God in obedience to his word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.

Christ gathered all things into one, by gathering them into himself. He declared war against our enemy, crushed him who at the beginning had taken us captive in Adam, and trampled on his head, in accordance with God's words to the serpent in Genesis: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall lie in wait for your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel.

The one lying in wait for the serpent's head is the one who was born in the likeness of Adam from the woman, the Virgin. This is the seed spoken of by Paul in the letter to the Galatians: The law of works was in force until the seed should come to whom the promise was made. He shows this even more clearly in the same letter when he says: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. The enemy would not have been defeated fairly if his vanquisher had not been born of a woman, because it was through a woman that he had gained mastery over man in the beginning, and set himself up as man's adversary.

That is why the Lord proclaims himself the Son of Man, the one who renews in himself that first man from whom the race born of woman was formed; as by a man's defeat our race fell into the bondage of death, so by a man's victory we were to rise again to life.

## 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 SERVERS

**WED, DEC 24 - 4:00 PM**

MC - Angelo Moraille

T - Pierre Moraille

A - Brogan Noll

A - Ethan Corbett

S -

R -

**THUR, DEC 25 - MIDNIGHT**

MC - Jonathan Friedl

T - Grant Schuster

A - Mark Durando

A - Ethan Corbett

A - Justin Friedl

S -

R - Dino Durando

**THUR, DEC 25 - 10:45 AM**

MC - Jonathan Friedl

T - Mark Durando

A - Ethan Corbett

A - Justin Friedl

S -

R - Terry Miller



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

REV. DENIS KEILY COUNCIL #9401

Upcoming Events:

Business meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month - 9AM

For more info please contact :

Eric Niemann, Recruiter, at [eniemann@1791.com](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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