

## 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 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.

**Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel (Matthew 2:20)**

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS TIMES

December 31 @ 5:00 PM  
January 1 @ 10:45 AM

Also note: there will not be a noon Mass on 12/30 due to Frassati classes not in session.

## 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".

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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](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



## Commandment of the Month for December The 4th Commandment

*"Honor your father and mother"*

A major facet of the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and mother", is that it instructs us to honor our parents by caring for them in their old age. No one has perfect parents, and too many have parents who clearly fell short of providing an ideal childhood. Regardless, we are all called by God to set aside our differences and honor our parents by seeing to their needs as they become physically and mentally unable to care for themselves.

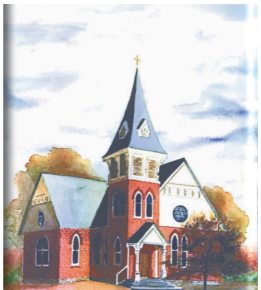
When the responsibility of caring for aging parents is embraced with an attitude of love, forgiveness and sacrifice, attending to them can be one of life's most beautiful seasons of life. The time spent with them provides sacred moments. Times to laugh and cry together as you relive past memories. Times for heart-to-heart conversations that lead to forgiveness and peace, before it is too late.

As children observe their parents, as they care for their grandparents, the children begin to appreciate their calling to do the same for their parents, so their children will, in turn, learn and do the same for them.

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# ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 28, 2025

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## 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.

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**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**

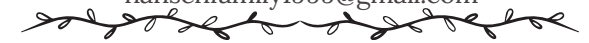
The Visitation Sodality is an organization made up of all age ladies, dedicated to serving the parish and our Priest. We strive to support the liturgy and the altar, social functions and funerals. Please consider joining us in our mission to serve our parish family.

**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

**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 PLEASURES OR DISPLEASURES ONE, PLEASURES OR DISPLEASURES 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 IN THE CARIBBEAN**

FAMILY SEMI-FORMAL DANCE & POTLUCK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

COMMUNITY COURTYARD, 117 W MAPLE STREET

ATTIRE: SEMI-FORMAL/HOLIDAY DRESSY, NO CASUAL BEACHWARE

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

**FR. KEVIN DREW**



**The Man and the Birds**

*Many of us a certain age recall listening to Paul Harvey on the radio. As a child I remember my mom listening everyday around noon. Below is a Christmas tale from Harvey titled "The Man and the Birds". Merry Christmas! Fr Drew*

The man to whom I'm going to introduce you to was not a Scrooge, he was a kind decent, mostly good man. Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men. But he just didn't believe all that Incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas Time. It just didn't make sense and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus Story, about God coming to Earth as a man.

"I'm truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, "But I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve." He said he'd feel like a hypocrite. That he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. And so, he stayed and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper. Minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound...Then another, and then another. Sort of a thump or a thud...

At first, he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in the storm and, in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window. Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter, if he could direct the birds to it.

Quickly he put on a coat, galoshes, and tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light, but the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in. So, he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow, making a trail to the yellow-lighted wide-open doorway of the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs, and continued to flap around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them. He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction, except into the warm, lighted barn.

And then, he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could think of some way to let them know that they can trust me...That I am not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not be led or shooed because they feared him.

"If only I could be a bird," he thought to himself, "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm barn. But I would have to be one of them so they could see, and hear and understand." At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. And he stood there listening to the bells – Adeste Fidelis – listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas.

And he sank to his knees in the snow.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SUN, DEC 28 - 10:45 AM**

MC - Mark Durando  
T - Angelo Moraille  
A - Pierre Moraille  
A - Justin Friedl  
S - David Woody

R - David Woody

**SUN, JAN 4 - 10:45 AM**

MC - Mark Durando  
T - Jonathan Friedl  
A - Brogan Noll  
A - Ambrose Green  
S - David Woody

R - David Woody

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT, DEC 27 - 4 PM**

Dan & Mary Brunetti  
By: Rita Dirkes

**SUN, DEC 28 - 10:45 AM**

Michael Dirkes  
By: Rita Dirkes

**TUES, DEC 30 - 12:00 PM**

NO MASS

**WED, DEC 31 - 5:00 PM**

In Honor of St. Anne, St. Joachim, and Blessed Virgin Mary

**THURS, JAN 1 - 10:45 AM**

John P Glock +  
By: Anonymous

**SAT, JAN 3 - 4 PM**

Galon & Elaine Hall  
By: Anonymous

**SUN, JAN 4 - 10:45 AM**

Carl Dirkes +  
By: Rita Dirkes

**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 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 20, 2025 - DEC 21, 2025

Offertory: \$ 3,314.00  
Online: \$ 605.00  
**Total: \$ 3,919.00**

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