

## SUNDAY BULLETIN DECEMBER 7, 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December*

*For Christians in areas of conflict*

*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.*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

#### CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

#### Monday, December 8 — Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

6:00 PM - Chris and John Rupp+

#### Tuesday, December 9 — St. Juan Diego

7:30 AM - Betty Link+

#### Wednesday, December 10 — Our Lady of Loreto

8:15 AM Art Haynes Jr+

#### Thursday, December 11 — St. Damasus I

7:30 AM Mike Anderson+

#### Friday, December 12 — Our Lady Of Guadalupe

8:15 AM Annie Fisher+

#### Saturday, December 13 — St. Lucy

No Morning Mass

5:00 PM - People of the Parish (Sunday Vigil Mass)

#### Sunday, December 14 — Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - Vivian Van Dyke+

10:00 AM - Sharron Stedem+

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#### Scripture Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

#### DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING 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

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or [ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org),

if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**“JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.”**

**THIS WEEK’S SAINTS**

**December 8: The Immaculate Conception**

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

**December 9: St. Juan Diego**

First called Cuauhtlatohuac (“The eagle who speaks”), Juan Diego’s name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example. During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

**December 11: Pope St. Damasus I**

To his secretary Saint Jerome, Damasus was “an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure.” Damasus seldom heard such unrestrained praise. Internal political struggles, doctrinal heresies, uneasy relations with his fellow bishops and those of the Eastern Church marred the peace of his pontificate.

The son of a Roman priest, possibly of Spanish extraction, Damasus started as a deacon in his father’s church, and served as a priest in what later became the basilica of San Lorenzo in Rome. He served Pope Liberius (352-366) and followed him into exile.

As pope, his lifestyle was simple in contrast to other ecclesiastics of Rome, and he was fierce in his denunciation of Arianism and other heresies. A misunderstanding of the Trinitarian terminology used by Rome threatened amicable relations with the Eastern Church, and Damasus was only moderately successful in dealing with that challenge.

During his pontificate, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman state, and Latin became the principal liturgical language as part of the pope’s reforms. His encouragement of Saint Jerome’s biblical studies led to the

Vulgate, the Latin translation of Scripture which 12 centuries later the Council of Trent declared to be “authentic in public readings, disputations, preaching.”

**December 12 : Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan’s uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop’s presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

**December 13: St. Lucy**

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian, and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

**VOCATIONS CHALICE**

We are excited about a brand new initiative here at St. Columban to help promote and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life! It’s a traveling vocations chalice! Every week, the chalice will go to a family who will pray with it for more vocations. With the chalice will be a few prayers that the family is to say every day they have the chalice as well as some other ideas for you and your family to do when you have it. We will be continually adding to it and feel free to add your own ideas for those who come after you! If you would like your family to have the chalice for a week, please email the parish office and we will get you on the calendar. Thank you for helping us pray for more vocations!

## SUNDAY BULLETIN—THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES DECEMBER 13-14		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Graham Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Jude Lentz Gabe Widner
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jack Marshall Oliver Perry Tanner Kremer Dominic Sherer Kale Walker William Feeney Rowdy Miller

LECTOR SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Kristy Lauhoff
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter

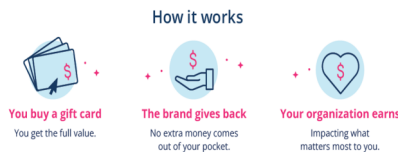


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### BISHOP HOGAN PTO

Need Christmas ideas? The PTO has a variety of gift cards that you can purchase for any occasion or everyday spending. Purchase them in the back of Church.

*Weekly Offering*  
*November 30*  
*Offertory*            \$13,811  
*Parish Property*    \$22  
*Birthright*            \$70



Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.

### ST. ANN'S ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society will have their December meeting on Friday, December 12, at 10:00am at the Senior Center. Note: This is a change of day from our originally planned meeting. We will be collecting money to help assist a family in need. Member can then eat at the Senior Center following the meeting if they choose. Ladies of the parish are welcome. Also, remember to submit recipes for our cookbook asap (deadline is February 28th). Forms are in the back of the Church.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Monday, December 8th at 7:00pm in the Bishop Hogan School cafeteria.

**It's a gift that never gets re-gifted!**



### BISHOP HOGAN SCHOOL PLAY—AUDITIONS!!

Auditions for our spring play are now open! We're looking for actors and actresses ages 8 and up (including adults) to fill 74 roles.

#### Audition Details For Non Bishop Hogan Students:

- **Date:** Saturday, December 13
- **Time:** 10 AM – 1 PM
- **Location:** Chillicothe YMCA

We're also seeking a pianist.

For more info, contact Steve Whitson at 660-973-6349.

### SCHOOL NEWS

We hope you enjoyed a blessed and restful Thanksgiving with your family! As we move toward Christmas break, our days are full and focused so we can make the most of our teaching and learning time. The second quarter will end on **December 19**.

Our Christmas programs—led by music instructor **Katharine Smith** and band director **Chad Hind**—are just around the corner! Everyone is invited to attend!

- **5th–8th Grade Band and Choir:** Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the school gym.
- **K–4th Grade Program:** Monday, December 15 at 6:30 pm.

**There is no school on Monday, December 8 as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

The 8th graders made some extra Dutch Apple Pies, so we have several to sell. They are in the school freezer. If you are interested in getting one, please let the school office know. Thank you!

May God continue to bless you!

Pam Brobst, Principal