

SUNDAY BULLETIN DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD 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

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Tuesday, December 16 — Advent Weekday

7:30 AM - Frank Ockenfels+

Wednesday, December 17 — Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Don Tomasek+

Thursday, December 18 — Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Shirley Benson+

Friday, December 19 — Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Larry Solomon+

Saturday, December 20 — Advent Weekday

No Morning Mass

5:00 PM - Bill Hinkebein+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, December 21 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - Ralph and Evelyn Barnes Family

10:00 AM - People of the Parish

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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,

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 for more information.

“LORD, COME AND SAVE US.”

O ANTIPHONS

Throughout the rest of Advent the liturgy has expressed the longing for the Messiah. All through Advent the word “come” is repeated throughout the Introit and Communion antiphons. From December 17 to December 23 we have seven antiphons that intensely express the 4,000 long years of awaiting for the Messiah. The antiphons express the impatience for Christ to come. They travel through the history of redemption announcing Jesus as our Teacher, our Redeemer, our Liberator, our Guide, our Enlightener and our Savior. During these days, the liturgy of the Mass contrasts the greatest Messianic prophecies and types of Christ from the Old Testament with the Gospels unfolding the more immediate preparation of the birth of Christ through the Annunciation, the Visitation, the birth of John the Baptist, and the espousals of St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The antiphons themselves are part of the Vespers or Evening Prayer of the Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours. These antiphons are repeated before and after the Magnificat. The liturgy of the Mass hints at the O Antiphons, including excerpts at the Alleluia verse and other antiphons, but the actual O Antiphons are found only in the Divine Office. There are several versions of English translations since they were originally in Latin, and the hymn O Come, Emmanuel contains all the O Antiphons.

December 17: O Wisdom (O Sapientia)
O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

December 18: O Lord and Ruler (O Adonai)
O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

December 19: O Root of Jesse (O Radix Jesse)
O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.

December 20: O Key of David (O Clavis David)
O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.

December 21: O Radiant Dawn (O Oriens)
O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 22: O King of the Nations (O Rex Gentium)
O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.

December 23: O Emmanuel
O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.



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!

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES DECEMBER 20-21		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Wyatt Dysart Graham Randolph
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	David Lentz Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Cameron Williams Hudson Marcolla Thatcher Rardon Anderson Marcolla Rocky Sherer Grady Allen Harry Goad

PARISH POT LUCK

Join us next week across the street after mass. All ages are welcome! The gym and games are available for kids with plenty of tables for the adults to talk. Bring a dish or two to share and mark your calendar. Pot Luck gatherings are the 3rd Sundays of the month. Hope to see you this winter, but especially Sunday the 21st!

MOBILE MEALS

St. Columban will deliver Mobile Meals in February. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Marti Miller at 660-247-2978. We are in need of parishioners who can substitute for the regular delivery people. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our students enjoyed the beloved tradition of placing their "shoes" (paper versions) on their desks at the close of classes on Thursday, December 4, in anticipation of a visit from **St. Nicholas**. When they arrived on Friday morning, they were delighted to discover that he had indeed stopped by and left a small treat of candy. The actual feast day of St. Nicholas was celebrated on Saturday, December 6.

The seventh grade class of Mrs. Thorne led the **Advent Service** for our second week of Advent. They reminded their classmates that the second candle of Advent symbolizes 'Faith', and that we are called to seek the light of Christ and work to be that light to others.

Each month, our students visit the **Lillian DeMaris Youth Library** to check out books and explore new reading opportunities beyond our own school library. In December, a librarian from the youth library graciously visited Bishop Hogan to share Christmas stories and serve hot chocolate to all of our students. They loved it! We are truly grateful for the continued kindness and support of the public library.

May peace and hope be yours,
Pam Brobst, Principal

LECTOR SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Melanie Warren

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.



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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve
4:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day
9:00am



Scan here to donate online!

Weekly Offering December 7

Offertory \$11,526
Parish Property \$220
Birthright \$237

November Income/Expense
Income \$83,051
Expense \$132,502
Income over (under) Expense (49,451)

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