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December 26, 2021 - *Feast of the Holy Family*

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Also see our website:
www.cathedralsjworkman.org

Liturgy

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

Holiday and Holy Day Masses

Please see bulletin for Mass times on
Holy Days and Holidays

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass until
all are heard; and 3:45-4:15 pm
Monday-Friday: 11:30-11:55 am

Eucharistic Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held
each Wednesday following 6:30 am Mass
concluding with Benediction at noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with
devotions is held on first Saturdays, following
the 8:00 am Mass, concluding with Benedic-
tion at 9:30 am



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed Mondays: 9:00-10:00 am
Closed Wednesdays: 9:00-9:30 am

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**To follow Christ is the way of
Encounter and Engagement
seeking to build
the Kingdom of God in our midst!**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of December 12, 2021

Estimated Weekly Need	• \$9,396.43
Envelopes & Plates	• \$9,890.55
Special Tithing	• \$1,538.46
ACH Contributions	• \$2,447.78
Total	\$13,876.79

St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral appreciates your continued generosity!

STEEPLE UPDATE

December 1st came and went, and the site of scaffolding is still in our midst. There is still work to be done on our Steeple project. Following is a list of Items that have been deferred to the Spring of 2022. We are preparing for a June 1st completion date!

General Site Restoration
Rectory Stone and Iron Fence Restoration
Side Gable Roof Drains
Stone Restoration
Capstone Flashing
Plaza Monument Restoration
Clean and Paint existing Steel Lintels
Replacement of Storm Windows
Exterior Lighting
Exterior Handrails restoration and Reinstallation

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

Thank you hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us, says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to the Religious Retirement fund. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude!

EUCHRE

Euchre Club will meet on Tuesday, January 11th (7:00 pm) in the undercroft. Open to all players. If you haven't played before, come and learn! Doors open at 6:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

- ♦ **Monday, December 27** (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)
6:30 am – Ken and Dale Ricke
12:10 pm – John McGrath
- ♦ **Tuesday, December 28** (The Holy Innocents)
6:30 am – Marie Kabat
10:00 am – Dorothy Golomski Funeral Mass
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Wednesday, December 29** (St. Thomas Becket)
6:30 am – Diann Kosakoski
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Thursday, December 30**
6:30 am – Marlene Mydy
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Friday, December 31** (St. Sylvester I)
6:30 am – Intentions of KC Council #839
12:10 pm – Ken and Dale Ricke
- ♦ **Saturday, January 1** (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
9:00 am – Ken and Dale Ricke
4:30 pm – Living/Deceased Members -Dean/Valentina Stroud Families
- ♦ **Sunday, January 2** (Epiphany of the Lord)
7:30 am – For the People of Cathedral Parish
10:30 am – Intentions of Father Joachim

AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS 2022-2023 ACS ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS SOON



On Monday, January 17, 2022, enrollment for the 2022-23 Aquinas Catholic Schools school year begins! If you are interested in exploring your options when it comes to education, we would be happy to show you what Aquinas has to offer. Current Aquinas families can also begin the re-enrollment process at that time. Aquinas Catholic Schools is a Christ-centered family devoted to nurturing students of all faiths through educational excellence in its vibrant Catholic tradition. Please join us for our upcoming open house dates at Aquinas High School & Middle School:

AHS Open House: Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6 pm

AMS Open House: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6 pm

Follow @AquinasCatholicSchools on Facebook to stay up-to-date on everything Aquinas

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKMAN

Cathedral Goal: \$55,080.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$38,375.00

Thank you to everyone who has so generously given to the Diocesan Appeal. We have reached 52% of our goal! Just a reminder that any amount pledged over our goal amount will come back to our Parish.

FORMED.ORG

On this packed Liturgical week-end in addition to celebrating the birth of Our Lord, we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This important Feast reminds us of the need to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home. Marriage and Family: Love Unveiled this week on Formed.org.

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

- Dec 31 Morgan Wolf and Chelsea McMillan Wedding 3 pm
- Jan 7 Young Adult Game Night 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 11 Women's Rosary Group 7:00 pm (Gathering Area)
- Jan 11 Euchre Club 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 12 Return Program 1:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 13 Finance Council Meeting 9 am
- Jan 19 Return Program 1:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 20 KC #839 Blood Drive 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Undercroft)
- Jan 21 Young Adult Cor Jesu 7:30 pm
- Jan 25 Euchre Club 7:00 pm (Gathering Area)
- Jan 26 Return Program 1:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Feb 3 Book Club 9:00 am (Gathering Area)
- Feb 4 Young Adult Game Night 7:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Feb 8 Women's Rosary Group 7:00 pm (Gathering Area)
- Feb 9 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm (Undercroft)
- Feb 18 Young Adult Cor Jesu 7:30 pm

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

Welcome to the Parish Kim Hoffman. The Cathedral Parish is grateful to have you as a member of our Parish Family!



She is Attentive to Every Detail

Pope Pius IX in 1854 promulgated the dogma of the Immaculate Conception (her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, brought about by the natural act of intercourse between her and her husband St. Joachim). It was the age of Enlightenment which said reason alone was enough to save us. Enlightenment had no use for so-called superstitious religious ferry dust. This Dogma asserts that without God's intervention on all levels, we are incapable to realize God's plan for us and salvation is not possible.

In 1792, sixty-two years before the Dogma's promulgation, the first bishop of the United States consecrated his Diocese to Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Fifty-four years later, in 1846 all of the Bishops of our Nation unanimously voted to declare Mary under that same title as the Patroness of our Nation. While our Nation was founded on Enlightenment ideals, the Bishops had the wisdom to place the American Experiment under the patronage, protection and influence of Mary who is the Immaculate Conception. I wonder what would our Nation be like today had that not happened. I have no doubt it would be much different and not for the better. Mary has a unique way of arranging things with her loving hands—mediating God's graces in accord with the desire of Her Son.

The Immaculate Conception: Why? Why did Mary need to be conceived without stain of original sin when she came to be (was conceived) in the womb of St. Anne? Why was this so important or even necessary? On a basic level, it

was necessary because she was to be the vessel in whom the Son of God was to be conceived. The all Holy One could only fittingly be conceived in the womb of one free from all taint of sin—both original and actual. Unthinkable for Jesus, the Eternal Word, to become incarnate from sinful flesh! I used to somewhat “stop there” in pondering Mary's I.C. I used to stop half-way through the opening prayer of the Mass (the Collect): “O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son...” That isn't enough. There's something more. Her Immaculate Conception was setting the stage for the big plan of salvation history which would intimately involve Mary's role and participation in the unfolding of salvation. You see, salvation isn't merely a static one-time event. It's an on-going, unfolding and dynamic. This is what we pray in the second half of the Collect: “... so through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.”

As Mary historically worked with God in her Immaculate Conception; in the great Fiat—her YES—of the Annunciation wherein she said to God “I'm all in!"; at the foot of her Son's cross on Calvary when she consented to be the Mother of each of us, so her work of cooperation and mediation is on-going even now. Her gaze is upon each of us always. Her mantle surrounds each of us like a protecting shield. She is attentive to every detail of our lives. Nothing we need or suffer is insignificant to her.

And, she did all of this with our good St. Joseph at her side. Together, the two of them at the request of Jesus usher in an untold number of graces. Let us “greedily” beg for as many of them as possible! St. Joseph the Workman, Pray for us!

(to be continued next week)

SACRAMENTS & SERVICES

Marriage

Couples requesting the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. If a couple wishes to be married as a registered member of our parish, they must actively participate in the faith (Sunday worship) and be a registered member of Cathedral parish at least three months prior to requesting the Sacrament of Marriage. Weddings are not celebrated during Lent.

Baptism

Parents may request the baptism of their infants at least two months prior to the anticipated date of baptism. To request baptism, please call 782-0322.

Wills & Estates

As you prayerfully execute your will or do estate planning, please consider keeping the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman in mind. The most common and simplest way to include the parish in your last wishes is to include a bequest in your will or trust.

Hospital Visits & Visitation of the Sick:

To secure a priest for unplanned or emergency admissions to a local hospital, it is important that the patient, if possible, or a family member and/or friends, contact the hospital pastoral care department to have the on-call priest administer the sacraments. The on-call priest is considered part of the pastoral team and does not count toward the maximum number of visitors per day rule.

If you become homebound because of illness or a post hospital stay, and would like to be visited; or those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Those with preplanned hospital procedures should call the parish office to make arrangements for anointing. If possible, one should be anointed apart from a hospital stay since there are visiting restrictions.

Cathedral Prayer Chain

Notice to all Cathedral Parishioners. The parish has a prayer chain that you may request prayers to be said, and pray for the needs of others. Send your prayer requests to Mari at <https://cathedralsj-workman.org/prayer-request/>.

ADORATION TESTIMONY

My name is Ellie St. John and I have been a Cathedral Parish member for 37 years. I am also a proud Adorer of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I've always enjoyed reading about the lives of the Saints of the Catholic Church; they all found solace praying before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist – a uniquely common bond they all shared. I confess that I do believe, without a doubt, in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Years ago, I was privileged to have seen the first greatest Eucharistic Miracle of the Catholic Church while on pilgrimage in Lanciano, Italy. This great miracle actually occurred in the 8th Century. Many centuries later, here we are in the 21st Century and the same Eucharistic Miracle is still in Exposition in Lanciano, Italy! Check it out to learn all of the astonishing details: Google: Eucharistic Miracles – Lanciano, Italy. Here at the Cathedral, I can joyfully tell you that Adoration and prayer before the Eucharist are making miracles happen in these modern times; in this town – in this Cathedral! For real! Make serious plans to come to Eucharistic Adoration. Some people find it convenient to stop into Adoration before or after Confession. We all bring our prayers, our worries, our praise and thanks ... or just come to sit and have a few minutes of peace in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus. "Emmanuel – God with us." The schedule of Eucharistic Devotions can be found in the lower corner of the front page of our Cathedral Sunday Bulletin. Please come. You will find some extra rosaries or prayers or reading materials to borrow if you need them. You won't be alone. But come – for 10 minutes, 30 minutes, or more. Just come and see; who knows, you may have the next miracle!

Bulletin Deadline:

The Cathedral Bulletin regular deadline is 4:00 pm each Monday. Prior to major holidays, announcements should be received at least two weeks prior to printing so all can enjoy the holiday.



Little Corner on the Eucharist

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for Man."

-St. John Vianney

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There are a number of ways to stay connected with St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral parish life whether at home or on the go:

- Like us on Facebook – <http://facebook.com/cathedralsjw>
- MyParish App – text "app" to 88202 or visit the Google Play Store or visit the Apple App Store
- Parish Website – cathedralsjworkman.org
- Live Streamed Masses – Sundays and Weekdays
- Bulletin – Online & available in the Gathering Area
- Email – office@cathedralsjworkman.org
- Telephone – 608/782-0322

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

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Other Websites – <http://www.cathedralsjworkman.org>
– <http://www.AquinasCatholicSchools.org>
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