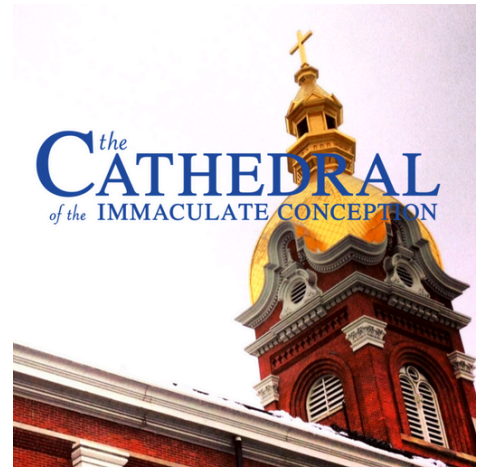


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Dear Members and Friends of the Cathedral,

This Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass is our parish Christmas party and jigsaw puzzle competition. Enjoy food and drink. Teams of four will compete to complete a Christmas puzzle before other tables do. Bring a team and join the fun. You may even win a prize!

Come this weekend to hear some good news about our \$1 million challenge grant. We'll make the announcement at all the Masses.

This weekend Fr. Riley will celebrate the morning Masses, and I'll cover the other two. Fr. Jim Carlyle will help me hear confessions on Saturday in case the line is long.

Visit the St. Joseph Gift Shop. Stop by after Mass and buy our limited edition cathedral stained glass window Christmas ornament.

Enjoy coffee and donuts after the morning Masses on Sunday.

Those interested in joining the church gather on Sunday mornings at 10.

Monday you may help serve lunch at the Towers next door. We'll start after the 12:15 Mass. Even if you just want to sit and visit with some of the residents, they will appreciate that.

Come decorate the cathedral for Christmas on Monday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Monday at 6:30 p.m. we continue faith formation featuring the series *The Chosen*. Come see a special Christmas video and talk about the life of Christ.

The schedule of Christmas Masses is as in previous years. On December 24, I'll preside at 2:30, and Fr. Riley will preside at 5 p.m. Music begins at 11 p.m., and I'll concelebrate at midnight with Bishop Johnston. I'll return Christmas morning at 10 to celebrate again. When our parking lot fills up, use the bar code from our web site and park at the Folly Theater lot across Broadway. Enter from 12th Street.

There will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, but I will hear confessions on Christmas Eve at 11:30 a.m.

Looking ahead, next Saturday we have a special Mass to open the Jubilee Year of Hope. Pope Francis is asking cathedrals around the world to participate in a special ceremony including a procession behind a cross. Father Charles Rowe, vicar general, will

represent Bishop Johnston to preside for our 2:30 p.m. Mass. I'll concelebrate. We'll begin Mass at the statue of Mary and the infant Jesus at the corner of 12th and Broadway, and then process around to the front of the cathedral. The cross leading the way will remain in the sanctuary throughout the Jubilee Year.

You may pledge either to the Building Glory campaign for the Hogan Center <https://kcgolddome.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CKC-Pledge-Form-FINAL.pdf> or to the restoration project here <https://www.kcgolddome.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/BG-page-1.pdf>.

In Christ,

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