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### Daily Mass

12:15 pm Monday through Friday  
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### Weekend Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: *[Fulfills Sunday Obligation]*  
2:30 p.m.

SUNDAY:

9 a.m., 11 a.m. (Livestream), 8 p.m.

### Reconciliation Schedule

TUESDAY and THURSDAY: 11:30 a.m. to  
12:00pm

SATURDAY: 1:30 p.m. to 2:15 pm

### Cathedral Office

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Eucharistic adoration every First Friday  
after the 12:15 Mass until 2:00 PM

### Prayer List

Kevin Gerad Clark

Each week we will be publishing a list of  
names of those who have asked for prayers.  
To put your name in the weekly bulletin for  
2025, please contact Adriana Mears

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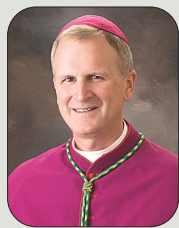
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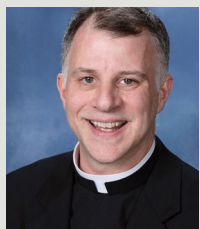
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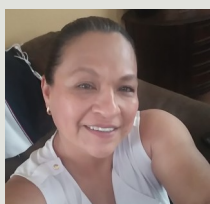
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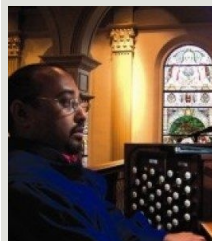
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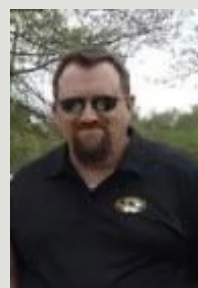
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 1**

2:30 pm For the Volunteers of the Cathedral Parish

**Sunday, February 2**

9:00 am + Therese Kadookunnel - by Mariamma Kadookunnel

11:00 am + Dan Vanover - by wife

8:00 pm Brian Menton - by mother

**Weekday - 12:15 p.m.**

Mon 3 Blessing of Throats at Mass

Tues 4 Martha Ut Thi Nguyen - by Dominico

Wed 5 + Gerry Larson - by Kathleen Ptasnik

Thurs 6 For the Sick

Fri 7 Ebin Phillip & Rosemary Cherian

*The small + denotes one who is deceased*

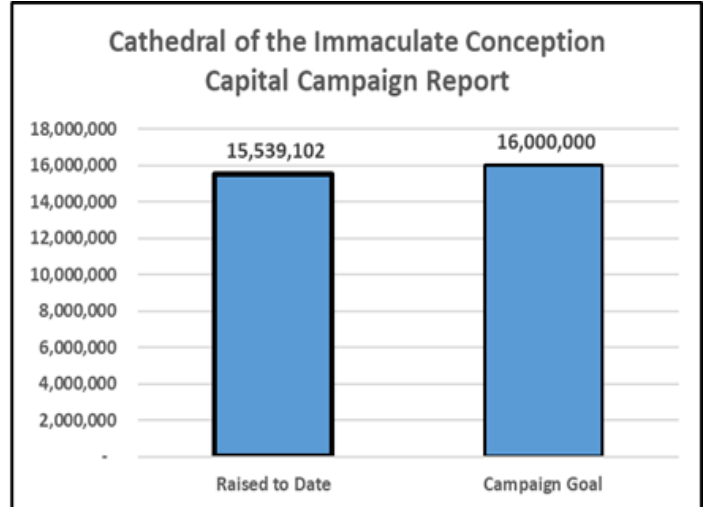
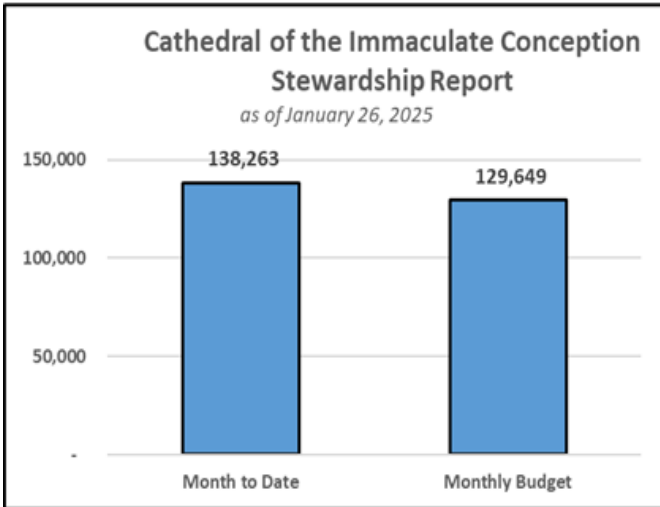
**CATHEDRAL CALENDAR  
February**

Sat 01	Volunteer Appreciation 3:30 pm
Sun 02	10:00 am Inquiry Session (OCIA) 10:00 am 1st Communion Class
Mon 3	6:30 pm The Chosen Scripture Study
Tue 4	7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (online)
Wed 5	6:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting
Fri 7	1:00 pm First Friday Adoration 4:30 pm YouTube mtg with Fr. Paul <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/CathedraloftheImmaculateConceptionKC">https://www.youtube.com/c/CathedraloftheImmaculateConceptionKC</a>

## The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

### Our Mission

We, the parish family and stewards of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Kansas City– St. Joseph, invite all under the gold dome to celebrate the eucharist, serve our guests in need, grow in the Catholic faith and proclaim the Gospel of Christ.



# TAX STATEMENTS

Contributions statements for 2024 have been mailed. If you don't receive yours within a week, please contact Adriana Mears at the parish office.



A Progressive Evening with



# THE SCHOLA CANTORUM

Sustenance for Mind, Body & Soul

**Thursday, February 20th**

A progressive fundraiser for The Schola Cantorum's 2026 Prague Tour.

## 6:30 PM – FEED YOUR MIND.

Meet at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art for a docent-led tour of religious art.

7:30 pm – finish tour, proceed to the Cathedral.

## 7:45 PM – FEED YOUR BODY.

Dessert served at the new Bishop Hogan center (attached to the Cathedral).

## 8 PM – FEED YOUR SOUL.

Madrigals and Motets performed by members of the Schola.

### Tickets

\$45 (full event)

\$30 (dessert and music only)



Advance reservations required in order to schedule docents and plan the menu





# THE BISHOP HOGAN *Center*

The *Bishop Hogan Center* is our new two-story building encompassing 17,000 square feet. The second floor features a spacious event hall for up to 320 people, complete with a catering kitchen. This versatile area is perfect for parish and diocesan events, including weddings, anniversaries, ordinations, performances, meetings, and community lectures. Please email [RGetman@kcgolddome.org](mailto:RGetman@kcgolddome.org) with any additional questions.



# Brass and Pipes Concert

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Free Admission. Donations Accepted.



Experience the harmonious blend of Ångström Brass and the grandeur of the Ruffatti pipe organ played by Dr. Mario Pearson in this musical performance to celebrate the Anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
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# Gaining Experience

The Presentation of the Lord

Heb. 2:14 - 18

Parents start their job as mothers and fathers with experience. They watched the experience of their own parents, and they see the parenting of their friends. But parents also bring their own experience of growing up. They went through what their kids go through, and they bring that wisdom to the task.

As children grow into adolescence, parents often struggle with them. Parents are often sustained by the memory of their own adolescence. When they were younger, they had to go through those difficult years as well.

Jesus also had to gain experience. He was to become the redeemer of the human race, so God saw fit to have Jesus spend time as a human, in order to experience what we do. The Letter to the Hebrews says, "Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people."

On the Feast of the Presentation, we remember that the parents of Jesus brought him to the temple at the age of forty days. Jesus was God. It should not have been necessary for him to do this. But he did this, and much more, to become like the people he would save. He understands the struggles of parents and teens, of those who are tempted and those who hope for more — because he became one like us.



# Confirmation

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

Confirmation enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can better witness to Christ in word and deed (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* [CCC], no. 1285). The Holy Spirit “transforms our hearts and enables us to enter into the perfect communion of the blessed Trinity” and to build up the “harmony of the people of God” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* [*Joy of the Gospel*], no. 117). Anointed by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, Christians strengthen their bond with the Church and become better equipped to carry out the Church’s mission of love and service.

## **At Confirmation, our faith and membership in the Body of Christ is confirmed, or strengthened.**

In the Rite of Baptism, we become new members of the Body of Christ, but our journey does not end there. The decision to be baptized is followed by continued growth, learning, and witness as members of the Body of Christ. Our desire to continue to grow and develop as Christians finds expression in Confirmation, when we renew our baptismal promises and receive in a new way the gift of the Holy Spirit, which strengthens our “bond” with the Church and its members (CCC, no. 1316, and St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* [*On the Permanent Validity of the Church’s Missionary Mandate*], no. 26).

## **Confirmation connects us to a larger community.**

The relationship of the bishop (who presides over the Rite of Confirmation) with the church community in a given area reminds us of our connection to the larger community of the Church, which is global. Thus, Confirmation reminds us that we belong to the Universal Church and to a local parish community (CCC, no. 1309). The sacred Chrism oil used during Confirmation points to the community’s sharing of the Spirit, since the same oil is used during Baptism and to anoint bishops and priests during the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Oil for the Anointing of the Sick is also consecrated during Holy Week. The symbol of oil reminds us of the action of the Holy Spirit upon us as members in the Church family.

## **At Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

In the Gospels, the same Spirit that descended on Jesus during Baptism descends on the Apostles at Pentecost (CCC, nos. 1285-1287). The readings and homily we hear at Confirmation remind us that this same Spirit is present to us today. At Confirmation, we receive diverse spiritual gifts that work together for the “common good” and “the building up of the Church, to the well-being of humanity and to the needs of the world” (St. John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* [*The Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World*], no. 24). At Confirmation, we pray for an increase of the gifts of the Spirit in our own lives in order to serve the cause of justice and peace in Church and world.

## **The Spirit moves us to imitate the love and service of Christ and the saints.**

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we often perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, we practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names we often take at Confirmation. Anointed at Confirmation, we are further strengthened to live lives that give off “the aroma of Christ” as did the holy saints (CCC, no. 1294). The sacred Chrism is mixed with fragrant spices precisely to symbolize this “aroma.”

The Holy Spirit pours love into our hearts so that we can become “instruments of grace” in order to “pour forth God’s charity and to weave networks of charity” in the world (Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* [*Charity*

*in Truth*], no. 5). Through the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, “Christ himself . . . prays, forgives, gives hope and consolation,” serves, draws close to those in need, “creates community and sows peace” (Pope Francis, General Audience, Jan. 29, 2014).

### **At Confirmation, we recommit to participate in the Church’s work and mission.**

Sealing with the gift of the Spirit at Confirmation strengthens us for ongoing service in the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world. It prepares us to be active participants in the Church’s mission and to “bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds” (CCC, no. 1316). Finally, the Spirit sends us as workers in the vineyard and instruments of the Holy Spirit in renewing the earth and promoting God’s Kingdom of justice and peace.

Thus, Confirmation is not only an *anointing*, but also a *commissioning* to live out our faith *in the world*. We are already called to mission by virtue of our Baptism, but at Confirmation we are endowed with gifts of the Spirit (like the Apostles in Acts 2) to be “ever greater witness[es] to the Gospel in the world” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* [*Sacrament of Charity*], no. 17). As disciples and witnesses to Christ in both Church and world (CCC, no. 1319), we are sent out to act on

behalf of the poor and vulnerable, promoting the life and dignity of every human person.

### **The Holy Spirit inspires us to Gospel action that includes human development and work to end injustice.**

The Holy Spirit inspires the work of evangelization, which includes work not only for all peoples’ spiritual well-being, but also the evangelization of systems and cultures (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 42, 65; see also Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 178). The Church’s missionary activity includes a “commitment to peace, development and the liberation of peoples; the rights of individuals and peoples, especially those of minorities; the advancement of women and children; safeguarding the created world,” and many other areas of action in the world (*Redemptoris Missio*, no. 37).

In addition, action inspired by the Holy Spirit calls us to “bear witness to Christ by taking courageous and prophetic stands in the face of the corruption of political or economic power.” The Spirit also “overcomes barriers and divisions of race, caste, or ideology” and makes the Christian-on-mission into “a sign of God’s love in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality” (*Redemptoris Missio*, nos. 43, 89).

### **Confirmation calls us to share Christ’s mission to promote life and dignity.**

The baptized, anointed by the Holy Spirit, are incorporated into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king, and called to share in his mission (CCC, no. 1241). We share Christ’s **priestly** mission by giving of ourselves daily in union with Christ’s supreme sacrifice on the Cross. As **prophets**, we announce the Kingdom of God in both word and deed and we witness to the Gospel in family, social life, and community, and in our commitment to human life and dignity. We share the **kingly** mission by seeking God’s Kingdom of justice in the world. We do this when we overcome the kingdom of sin, give of ourselves, recognize Jesus in “the least of these” (cf. Mt 25:40), and work for justice and peace.

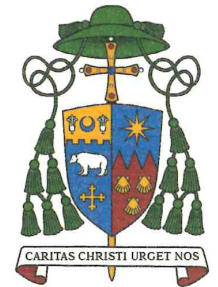
All those anointed by the Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation share Christ’s mission in Luke 4:18-19: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor. / He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free, / and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (see also *Christifideles Laici*, nos. 13-14).

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- **Membership in the community.** What does it mean to be part of the Body of Christ?
- **Gifts of the Spirit.** What gifts have you been given? How are you called to use those gifts to benefit others?
- **Listening to God’s call.** Who are you called to be? What are you called to do with your life?
- **Mission in the world.** What is the mission of the Church? What is your role in carrying it out? To what are you *commissioned*?
- **The witness of the saints.** How do the lives of the saints inspire you to “give off the aroma of Christ”?

Learn about the other sacraments! Visit “Resources and Tools” at [www.usccb.org/jphd](http://www.usccb.org/jphd).



*Office of the Bishop*

January 25, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In these times of uncertainty, I reach out to you with a heart full of compassion and a steadfast commitment to our shared faith. Recent executive actions have raised concerns within our community, particularly regarding their impact on our immigrant families, our schools and our parishes. As your shepherd, I wish to offer guidance rooted in the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and the enduring principles of the Catholic Church.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has consistently emphasized the Church's unwavering dedication to upholding the dignity of every human person, regardless of their immigration status. Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the USCCB, reminds us that our actions as a nation should "demonstrate a genuine care for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees."

Furthermore, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, has expressed deep concern that certain policies may "subject vulnerable families and children to grave danger."

Nations and communities have a right to protect the common good, but this must not violate the other moral rights attached to the dignity of the human person, nor the moral obligation of Christians to help those in need.

In light of these developments, I call upon all members of our diocesan family—parishioners, educators, students, and clergy—to embody the Gospel values of love, mercy, and justice. Let us:

- **Pray Fervently:** Seek divine guidance for our nation's leaders, that they may enact policies reflecting compassion and respect for human dignity.
- **Educate Ourselves:** Understand the teachings of the Church on migration and the rights of individuals, articulated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2241, and as outlined by the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services.
- **Extend a Hand of Welcome:** Offer support and solidarity to migrants and refugees within our communities, recognizing Christ in the stranger among us.
- **Advocate for Justice:** Engage in peaceful and constructive dialogue, urging our policymakers to consider the moral implications of their decisions and to work for comprehensive immigration reform.

Additionally, I want to reassure you that we treat the names and identities of our school students, families, and parishioners as confidential information. We will not voluntarily release this information to anyone, including law enforcement, absent an obligation to do so by court order or subpoena.

As we navigate these challenges, let us remember the words of our Lord: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). Together, anchored in faith and united in love, we can be beacons of hope and instruments of God's peace.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth, themselves once refugees, guide and protect us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City – Saint Joseph

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## Happenings & Opportunities Throughout the Diocese

Today many people believe that it is impossible to love another person “forever”. “This fear of ‘forever’ is cured by entrusting oneself day by day to the Lord Jesus in a life that becomes a daily spiritual path of common growth, step by step. Because ‘forever’ is not simply a question of duration! A marriage does not succeed just because it lasts; its quality is also important.”

Pope Francis  
Vatican, St. Valentines Day 2014

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The Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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)
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto:crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org).

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 816.392.0011 or [victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



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- ▶ Students who have been enrolled in public school 12 months prior or who are entering kindergarten or first grade **-AND-**
- ▶ Make no more than 200% free and reduced income guidelines



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MOScholars Program Coordinator

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