

# Our Lady of the Snows Parish

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Eugene, MO 65032-4231



December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## Bulletin Submission Deadline

E-mail articles to [olosparish@gmail.com](mailto:olosparish@gmail.com)

Deadline: Tuesday's at 9:00 am

## Our Lady of the Snows School (Pre-K to 8)

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**Daily Masses:** Tuesday 6:00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am

**HOLY DAYS:** 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

**Prayer Line:** 498-3446, if no answer call 498-3550

**Baptism** - Contact Parish Office for appointment.

**Marriage** - Contact The Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

**RCIA** - Contact the Parish Office if interested in attending class.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Sunday, 7:30 am and by appointment

***Seeking Christ for Our Nation Mass***  
***Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 6pm***

## **Bishop's Prayer Intention for December:**

"As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith."

Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

**Parish Pastoral Council** (Meeting: 4th Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Becky Schwaller, **Vice-President:** Aaron Wood, **Secretary:** Karen Schulte, **Members:** Bill Abbott, Bryan Evers, Paula Evers, Jacob Akin

**Finance Committee** (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Andrew Haslag, **Vice-President:** Brad Adrian, **Secretary:** Wanda Borman, **Members:** Jerry Hogg, Janet Buschjost

**School Advisory Board** (Meeting: 3rd Thursday @ 6pm): **President:** Glenn Backes, **Vice-President:** Monica Bittle, **Secretary:** Joan Doerhoff, **Members:** Shannon Lage, Jeremiah Schulte

**Knights of Columbus #3267** (Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 7:30pm): **Grand Knight:** Mark Borman, **Deputy Grand Knight:** Andrew Haslag, **Chancellor:** Herschel Schulte, **Recorder:** Justin Musick, **Financial Secretary:** Chuck Berendzen, **Treasurer:** Brett McKenna, **Advocate:** Bruce Berendzen, **Warden:** Delbert Wilde, **Inside Guard:** Darryl Love, **Outside Guard:** Aaron Sandbothe, **Lecturer:** Russ Kempker, **Chaplain:** Fr. Alex Gabriel  
4th Degree K of C (Meeting 4th Thursday)

**Building & Grounds Committee** (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm)

Anyone homebound needing communion brought to them or have someone in the hospital and would like a visit, please contact Deacon Steve or the Parish Office.

ONLINE Catholic Missourian: [www.catholicmissourianonline.com](http://www.catholicmissourianonline.com) or [www.cathmo.com](http://www.cathmo.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 21	6:30 pm	+Bernadine Schulte +Fr. Patrick J. Shortt
Sun. Dec 22	8:00 am	+Max Limbach
Tues. Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:00 pm 9:00 pm	+Robert "Bob" Adrian +Lambert L.W. Schulte
Wed. Dec 25 <i>Christmas</i>	9:00 am	+Ethel Bernskoetter
Thurs. Dec 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sat. Dec 28	6:30 pm	+Paula Schwaller
Sun. Dec 29	8:00 am	+Mary E. Stegeman

**Christmas Mass Times: Eldon**  
 Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm  
 Christmas Day - 10:00 am

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Tues. Dec 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <b>Parish Office Closed</b>
Wed. Dec 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i> <b>Parish Office Closed</b> <b>NO Youth Ministry Class</b>
Thurs. Dec 26	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
Fri. Dec 27	AA & Al Anon Meeting 8:00 pm
Sun. Dec 29	<b>NO PSR Class</b>

**New Year/Feast of Mary the Mother of God: Mary's Home**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

New Year's Eve - 7:00 pm  
 New Year's Day - 9:00 am

**New Year/Feast of Mary the Mother of God: Eldon**  
 New Year's Eve - 7:00 pm  
 New Year's Day - 10:00 am

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$472,563
Budgeted Monthly Goal - <b>December</b>	\$39,380
<b>Weekly Collections:</b>	
Dec 1-6	\$15,026
Dec 7-13	\$6,363
Dec 14-20	\$
Dec 21-27	\$
Dec 28-31	\$
<b>Monthly Total To Date</b>	<b>\$21,389</b>
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/19-12/13/19	\$189,634
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/19-12/13/19	\$218,112
Difference	(\$28,478)



*Please Pray for our  
Sick Loved Ones*

Nancy Boatman	Alvin Jr (June) Koetting
Dale Buechter	Kathy Miller
Connie Clarkston	Jim Morgan
Margaret Evers	Keving Morff
Kari France	Betty (Kempker) Nally
Beth Hale	Ethan Nevins
Jim Hale	Elias & Marilyn Otto
Gary Herigon	Theresa Rush
Jim Holtmeyer	Rodney Schaben
Alice Hutschreider	Faythe Scheulen
Cletus Kempker	Josephine Schwaller
Konlee Kempker	Karla Bax Sitzes
Kris Kempker	Lexi Staats
Rose Marie Kempker	Curt Stockman
Tom Kempker	Bob Stuenkel
Don Kesel	Remy Wagner
Jane Kesel	Ashley Wilbers
Nathan Klindt	

**Please call the Parish Office to have a name added or removed from our prayer list or to advise us of hospitalizations. We would like to keep the list as current as possible. Thank you.**

**SAVE THE DATE! Our parish will host  
Totus Tuus July 19-24, 2020.  
Mark your calendars.**

**St. Martin School, Jefferson City, MO** is in search of a **certified kindergarten teacher** for the **remainder of the 2019-2020 school year**. Applicants who have a current teaching certificate, active in their faith-life, and have a strong work ethic are perfect candidates for this position. The candidate should have an understanding of the importance of the developmental milestones in a young child's life, as well as, how emergent reading and math skills are developed. Other skills needed in this position are being able to effectively communicate with parents and work as part of a team with other teachers and staff members. A skill-set on using different platforms of technology is beneficial.

All interested persons should send their resume to Mrs. Julie Clingman, Principal at [principal@stmartinjic.org](mailto:principal@stmartinjic.org) along with filling out the application for St. Martin School, Jefferson City, MO on the Jefferson City Diocesan website <https://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/>



**Catholic**  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

**"As each one has received a gift,  
use it to  
SERVE ONE ANOTHER  
as good stewards."**

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going on line to [diojeffcity.org](https://diojeffcity.org) and clicking the "Donate Now" button.

**CSA 2020 Parish Goal Update**  
**Parish Goal: \$15,000**  
**Collected: \$8,360**

# OLOS Liturgical Minister Schedule

If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you for participating in the Liturgical Ministries.

Time & Talent forms can be found in the vestibule of Church or on the Church website.  
 Contact list for replacements for liturgical assignments: <http://olosmaryshome.net/mass-liturgy/>

December 28 - Saturday, 6:30PM (K of C)	December 29 - Sunday, 8AM (K of C)
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers - KC Members Mass Money Counters - Joyce Hagenhoff, Deb Schulte	Rosary Leader – Agnes Love (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers - KC Members Mass Money Counters - Leon Herigon, Ray Rush
January 4 - Saturday, 6:30PM	January 5 - Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Calvin & Rhonda Groose Ushers – Tevin Groose, Nathan Klindt, Donnie & Jonathan Lepper Lectors – Donna Arnel, Carla Boessen Eucharistic Ministers – Carla Boessen, Tracey Backes Servers - Tyler Groose, Hayden Kallenbach, Leah Koetting	Rosary Leader – Tammy Love (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – LueAnn Hogg, Sarah Tucker Ushers – Eric Groose, Devin Haeffner, Randy Kempker, Bob Stuenkel Lectors – Jerry Hogg, Gina Stuenkel Eucharistic Ministers – Jerry Hogg, Bob Stuenkel Servers - Aly Haeffner, Braeden & McKenna Short

**From the Pastor:** As Christmas is drawing closer, I would like to share an apostolic letter written by Pope Francis “on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene,” in which he encourages Christians worldwide to continue “the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas” by setting up the Christmas crèche not only in their homes but also “in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares.” As we contemplate the Christmas story, he said, “we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.” The pope, who will be 83 years old on Dec. 17, traveled by helicopter to the hill town of Greccio, 95 kilometers north of Rome, where a shrine commemorates the spot where, in 1223, St. Francis of Assisi used the setting of a cave to replicate the nativity scene for the first time, thereby starting a tradition that quickly spread throughout Christian Europe and later to other continents. The 3,000-word letter was read aloud for the first time in a chapel near the shrine, in the presence of the pope who was slightly hoarse, as he caught a slight cold since returning from Asia.

Quoting Franciscan sources, Pope Francis recalled that 15 days before Christmas, St. Francis asked a local man named John to help him realize his desire “to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem, to see as much as possible with my own bodily eyes the discomfort of his infant needs, how he lay in a manger, and how, with an ox and an ass standing by, he was laid upon a bed of hay.”

John did as the saint had asked. The pope said that “on 25 December, friars came to Greccio from various parts, together with people from the farmsteads in the area, who brought flowers and torches to light up that holy night.” The sources report that “when [St.] Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene.”

Pope Francis said, “this is how our tradition began: with everyone gathered in joy around the cave, with no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery.” He recalled that Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of St. Francis, “notes that this simple and moving scene was accompanied by the gift of a marvelous vision: one of those present saw the Baby Jesus himself lying in the manger. From the nativity scene of that Christmas in 1223, ‘everyone went home with joy.’”

Commenting on all this, Francis said that “with the simplicity of that sign, St. Francis carried out a great work of evangelization.” The crèche, Francis added, “invites us to ‘feel’ and ‘touch’ the poverty that God’s Son took upon himself in the Incarnation” and “implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in greatest need.”

Francis remarked that “it is customary to add many symbolic figures to our nativity scenes,” starting with “the beggars” who “have every right to draw near to the infant Jesus; no one can evict them or send them away from a crib so makeshift that the poor seem entirely at home.” Indeed, “the presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them.”

In the cave, the pope said, “we find the figures of Mary and Joseph. Mary is a mother who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor....

In her, we see the Mother of God who does not keep her Son only to herself but invites everyone to obey his word and to put it into practice.” And at Mary’s side, we see Saint Joseph, “who plays an important role in the life of Jesus and Mary”; he is “the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. When God warned him of Herod’s threat, he did not hesitate to set out and flee to Egypt.... And once the danger had passed, he brought the family back to Nazareth, where he was to be the first teacher of Jesus as a boy and then as a young man.”

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He recalled that as the feast of Epiphany approaches, we place the statues of the Three Kings who followed the star to find Jesus in the manger, and “the Magi teach us that people can come to Christ by a very long route.” Indeed, when these “men of wealth, sages from afar, with a thirst for the infinite” find Jesus they “fall to their knees to worship him,” and “understand that the God who with sovereign wisdom guides the course of the stars also guides the course of history, casting down the mighty and raising up the lowly.”

Concluding his letter, Pope Francis said that “standing before the Christmas crèche, we are reminded of the time when we were children, eagerly waiting to set it up.” He said, “these memories make us all the more conscious of the precious gift received from those who passed on the faith to us” and “of our duty to share the same experience with our children and grandchildren.” (Source: America, the Jesuit review by Gerard O’Connell December 01, 2019)

**Christmas gift:** As last year, the parish is going to give you all a beautiful book titled ‘Rediscover the Saints’ by Mathew Kelly. It is a wonderful book based on the outstanding charisms of 25 prominent saints in the church. It is easy to read and understand. In the book, you will find a Christmas letter by the Pastor highlighting some of the Parish activities in the year 2019.

**Christmas and New Year greetings:** I extend you all a joy – filled Christmas and grace-filled New Year. May this Christmas and New Year bring immense blessings to your families and all family members! Have a wonderful celebration with Holy Mass to experience God being with us in Jesus.

**Upcoming Events (flyers on website/back of Church):**

**Tuesday, December 31** - OLOS NCYC New Year's Eve Dance, music by Shiloh from 8:30 pm - 12:30 am. \$20/ single or \$30/couple. Must be 18 to attend.

**Saturday, January 11** - Mary's Home K of C Pitch Tournament starting at 10am. Contact Gary Herigon 573-690-1584.

**Saturday, January 18** - Our Lady of the Snows Dance, Live Music by Shiloh, located in school gym from 7:30-11:30 pm. Must be 18 to attend. \$15/person, \$25/couple. Concessions will be available for purchase. BYOB (cups & ice provided)

**Job openings:** the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a **full time administrative assistant**. You can find the full posting at <https://diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment/>.

There are also several openings in our Catholic schools, including for a **math teacher at Father Tolton Catholic High School** - <https://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/>.

**Other openings** can be viewed by going to the Church website, click on News & Events tab, click on Job Postings

**JEFFERSON CITY PRE-CANA**

**2020 Dates: not available yet**

Classes are held at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, 2505 Mission Drive, Jefferson City. Cost is \$50 per couple. Online registration or questions: [jprecana.org](http://jprecana.org) or email: [jprecana@gmail.com](mailto:jprecana@gmail.com)

***ENGAGED ENCOUNTER Weekends—(Moberly)***

**2020 Dates: Jan 3-5, March 6-8, May 1-3, Aug 7-9**

Registration form, weekend information: <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/engaged-encounter/>

**Marriage Encounter *Jefferson City***

**2020 Dates: not available yet**

Marriage Encounter is a weekend opportunity for spouses to recognize reasons to celebrate and areas to improve their marriage. For more info. visit <https://www.jeffcityme.com/>. Check out marriage resources and opportunities that will strengthen your marriage at <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/marriage-resources/>.

**Couple-to-Couple League Natural Family Planning**

Engaged or married couples are welcome to attend.  
[www.midmonfp.org](http://www.midmonfp.org) / email: [midmonfp@gmail.com](mailto:midmonfp@gmail.com)

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