

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

274 Hwy H
Eugene, MO 65032-4231



December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

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Bulletin Submission Deadline

E-mail articles to olosparish@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday's at 9:00 am

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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, December 17, 2019 @ 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 or www.cathmo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 14	6:30 pm	+James "Jim" Koetting
Sun. Dec 15	8:00 am	+Jim Berendzen
Tues. Dec 17	6:00 pm	+Jake Kempker <i>Seeking Christ for Our Nation</i>
Wed. Dec 18	8:00 am	+Mable Farmer
Thurs. Dec 19	8:00 am	+Tim Doerhoff
Sat. Dec 21	6:30 pm	+Bernadine Schulte +Fr. Patrick J. Shortt
Sun. Dec 22	8:00 am	+Max Limbach

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. Dec 16	Quilting 8am-12noon
Wed. Dec 18	Senior Dinner 11:00 am, Youth Ministry 6:30 pm, Parish Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm
Thurs. Dec 19	Quilting 9am-3pm & 6pm-9pm, RCIA Class 6:30 pm (parish mtg. room)
Fri. Dec 20	AA & Al Anon Meeting 8:00 pm
Sun. Dec 22	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent,</i> PSR 9:00 am, Decorate Church for Christmas 10:00 am

Our Lady of the Snows Credit Union is collecting toys & coats for Miller County residents. You can drop off items at the Credit Union **until Thursday, December 19.**

Christmas Mass Times: Mary's Home

Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day - 9:00 am

Christmas Mass Times: Eldon

Christmas Eve - 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Christmas Day - 10:00 am

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$472,563
Budgeted Monthly Goal - December	\$39,380
Weekly Collections:	
Dec 1-6	\$15,026
Dec 7-13	\$
Dec 14-20	\$
Dec 21-27	\$
Dec 28-31	\$
Monthly Total To Date	\$15,026
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/19-12/6/19	\$183,271
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/19-12/6/19	\$209,024
Difference	(\$25,753)



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.

As you are filling out your **Christmas cards** this year, please remember those in our parish that are residing in a **Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility**. If you would like to send Christmas cards to those parish members, please contact the Parish Office to obtain the mailing addresses.

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@stmartinjc.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 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://olosmaryhome.net/mass-liturgy/>

December 21 - Saturday, 6:30PM	December 22 - Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start at 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Need 2 volunteers Ushers – Dave Berendzen, Bill Braun, Rex Buechter, Daniel Hagenhoff Lectors – Need 1-2 volunteers Eucharistic Ministers – Dave & Karen Berendzen Servers – Leah Koetting, need 2 volunteers Money Counters - Daniel Hagenhoff, need 1 volunteer	Rosary Leader – Dorothy M. Berendzen (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – Delbie & Janis Evers Ushers – Allen Doerhoff, Alex Evers, Mike Evers, Roger Evers Lectors – Kalie Massman, Joan Doerhoff Eucharistic Ministers – Delbie & Janis Evers Servers – Austin Doerhoff, Tyler & Alyssa Evers Money Counters - Kelley Berendzen, Sandy Koetting
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

From the Pastor: On the third Sunday of Advent, the common theme running through today’s readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings stress the need for patience in those awaiting the rebirth of Jesus in their hearts and lives. They give us a message of hope—for people almost three millennia ago, for people at the beginning of the first millennium and for people today. Today is called *Gaudete* Sunday because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon: “*Gaudete in Domino semper,*” i.e., “Rejoice in the Lord always.” Today, our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior, is marked by our lighting of our Advent Wreath’s third candle which is ‘*rose-colored,*’ and by the ‘*rose-colored*’ vestments, which the priest may wear at this Eucharist, because they represent a lightening of the dark violet of the rest of the penitential season of Advent. They remind us of the color of the *sky* at the very *brink* of morning, when the sun is just beginning to come up. The horizon takes on a *pale rose color* that gradually gets *redder and brighter* as the sun rises. For faithful Christians, life is like a “long sunrise,” and death is the entrance into the bright, “everlasting day” of eternal life. This is the reason why this Sunday is also called “*Rose Sunday*.” The prophet Isaiah, in the **first reading**, encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to believe that God is going to save them and transform their lives. The **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 146) reminds us of the fidelity, mercy and justice of the Lord God Who will come again. In the **second reading**, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to be patient, “*because the coming of the Lord is at hand.*” Finally, in **today’s Gospel** reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist to cast away the popular political expectations about the Messiah and simply to accept Jesus’ healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the messianic prophecy of Isaiah. **First reading: Is 35:1-6, 10 explained:** Through Isaiah, His prophet, the Lord God tries to stir up in his exiled children the hope of their return to Israel by assuring them of His saving power in their lives. He reminds them that it was through their disloyalty to Him that they had lost their liberty, had been taken as slaves to Babylon and had lived there in servitude for sixty years (598-538 BC). The Jews were finally set free by Cyrus (who had captured Babylon), and were allowed to return to their native land, rebuild the Temple and serve their God once more as His Chosen People. Through the prophet, Yahweh assures the exiles that He will lead them back to their land in this second exodus (6th century B.C.), as He led their ancestors from Egypt to the Promised Land in the first exodus (13th century BC). The Lord God says He is going to do three things for them. 1) He will transform the wasteland lying between their land of exile and Israel into a new Garden of Eden to facilitate their journey. 2) The weak and the sick will be strengthened for the journey. 3) They will reach their destination singing and crowned with glory. The assurance of this second exodus is chosen for Advent, because both Exodus events foreshadow the coming of the Messiah. **Second reading: James 5:7-10 explained:** The expectation of Jesus’ imminent return did not last very long in the early Church. Even within Saint Paul’s lifetime, that expectation had waned. The Apostles advised the Christians to bear witness to Christ through their heroic lives without waiting for the *Parousia* in their lifetime. Hence, in the second reading, James encourages the fearful, frustrated and persecuted early Christians to be patient. Like Isaiah, James tries to show his Christian community that what they have been hoping for is already happening. Though he stresses patience and determination, James also reminds them that “*the Judge stands at the gate.*” Just as the prophets believed that what they were proclaiming was already happening, the Christians needed to behave as though the returned risen Jesus were already influencing their lives. James uses the analogy of a farmer who must wait patiently for the ground to yield its fruit. In the same way, we must trust that God is bringing abundance into, and out of, our lives, although we cannot see it yet. St. James’ warning is clear: if anyone among them has hitherto neglected his duties to God, he needs to listen now to the warning (“*The Judge is standing before the gates!*”) and put his conscience and his life right with God. **Gospel exegesis: Mt 11:2-11 the context:** Today’s Gospel describes how Isaiah’s vision of Israel’s glorious future is fulfilled unexpectedly by the coming of the promised Messiah in Jesus, the poor, humble, itinerant preacher who told the Truth, and who worked wonders of healing in his Messianic mission. But the Jews in general expected a political Messiah who would reestablish the Davidic kingdom after overthrowing the Roman government. Hence, most of them were scandalized by Jesus’ peaceful preaching and shameful death. The disciples of John the Baptist continued to insist that John was indeed the Messiah, and they awaited his return, causing problems to early Christians. Hence, all four Evangelists highlighted John’s important role as the Messiah’s herald but emphasized that John’s was a secondary and subordinate role in salvation history. Matthew, in the second part of today’s Gospel, presents Jesus, the true Messiah, as paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and to the courage with which John proclaimed his prophetic convictions. (Fr. Anthony K)

Christmas Play: Our school put up a wonderful Christmas play on December 5, Thursday at 6.30 pm in the school hall. It was so wonderful that every kid in the school had a role to play including the preschool little angels. All of them did their parts very well and brought forth a great show. The background setting with light & sound was indeed quite fitting to the program. The play was mingled with songs related to the nativity story which really brought home the message of Christmas. This time, a drummer was brought in to play the tune which was quite awesome. Finally, it was quite encouraging to see that a big number of parents filling up the bleachers in the gym to enjoy the show. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Marianna Werdehausen who planned and directed the play so well that it turned out to be a wonderful Christmas program of our school. I also thank our faculty & staff for assisting her and the kids bringing in a great joy and life into the play. God bless you all.

Ministries Schedules: Perhaps you have noticed that in the weekend ministry schedules, chiefly on Saturdays, request for volunteers is solicited. It is because, we do not have enough people signed up for being Lectors, Communion ministers, ushers and mass servers. On certain days, we have got to really look for people or pick up some from the congregation to do such ministries. Hence, please fill in with your time and talent sheet or call up the office and register your names for Saturdays and Special days to do different ministries. Nevertheless, I am pleased with the wonderful services done by some dedicated Mass servers, lectors and communion ministers who readily volunteer and step in when they notice the need. This is indeed a wonderful service toward the celebration of Eucharist.

A warm welcome: I extend a warm welcome to Fr. Oswald Saldanha, a Jesuit from India known as Fr. Ozzie. He has been in US since August attending Sabbatical program at the Jesuit University of Santa Clara at Barkley in California. We have been friends since 1973 and he will be with us from December 13 to the 31st to assist with Holy masses and confessions during the busy time of the year. Fr. Ozzie, a warm welcome to OLOS at Mary’s Home and wish you a pleasant stay with us.

November Gun Raffle Winners:
Dale Pringer and Aaron Koetting.

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 or email: 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 / email: midmonfp@gmail.com

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