

# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH & SCHOOL

274 Hwy H  
Eugene, MO 65032-4231

December 25, 2022

## The Nativity of the Lord

**Parish Office:** Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 2:30 pm  
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**Bulletin Submission Deadline**

E-mail articles to olosparish@gmail.com

**Deadline: Tuesday's at 12:00 pm,**

**FINAL PRINTING is done Wednesdays at noon**

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

**[www.facebook.com/olosschool](http://www.facebook.com/olosschool)**

276 Hwy H, Eugene MO 65032-4231

**School Principal: Lucinda Varner**

E-mail: lvarner@olosschool.org

School Secretary: Rosie Beck

Email: rbeck@olosschool.org

Phone: 573-498-3574, Fax: 573-498-3776



**Church & School Website:**  
<https://ourladyofthesnows.diojeffcity.org/>

**Church Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/oloschurchmaryhome/](http://www.facebook.com/oloschurchmaryhome/)

**Daily Masses:** Wednesday 8:00 am (school mass),  
Thursday 8:00 am

**Weekend Masses– Winter Schedule:**

**Beginning Sept 10, concluding May 7:**

Saturday 4:00 pm,

Sunday 10:00 am

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

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

**Marriage -** Contact Parish Office at least 1 year to  
6 months in advance.

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

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Winter)**

Saturday, 3:30 pm or by appointment

### Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

During the holiday season, may our self-centered-  
ness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with  
compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our in-  
tolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.



**Parish Pastoral Council** (Meeting: 4th Tuesday @ 6pm): **President:** Cory Herigon, **Vice-President:** Colleen Abbott,  
**Secretary:** Tori Berendzen, **Members:** Chuck Angerer, Tricia Belshe, Bruce Berendzen, Lucinda Varner (School Principal)

**Finance Committee** (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ 6:30pm): **President:** Andrew Haslag, **Vice-President:** Brad Adrian, **Secretary:**  
Janet Buschjost, **Members:** Jerry Hogg, Karen Harms, Lindsey Evers, Amanda Herigon

**School Advisory Board** (Meeting: 1st Sunday @ 11:15am from Oct-April): **President:** Shannon Lage, **Vice-President:** Joan  
Doerhoff, **Secretary:** Sarah Tucker, **Members:** Monica Bittle, Angelina McKenna, Adam Schwaller, Lucinda Varner

**Knights of Columbus #3267** (Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 7:30pm): **Grand Knight:** Andrew Haslag, **Deputy Grand Knight:**  
Aron Gish, **Recorder:** Sam Beck, **Financial Secretary:** Chuck Berendzen, **Treasurer:** Sam Berendzen, **Advocate:** Bruce  
Berendzen, **Warden:** Delbert Wilde, **Inside Guard:** Darryl Love, **Outside Guard:** Aaron Sandbothe, **Lecturer:** Russ Kempker,  
**Chaplain:** Fr. Alex Ekka  
4th Degree K of C (Meeting 4th Thursday)

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

**Anyone homebound needing communion brought to them or have someone in the hospital and would like a visit,  
please contact 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. 24	4:00pm	+Bernadine Schulte
Sun. Dec. 25	8:00am 10:00am	+Lisa McDaniel +Lambert L.W. & Ann Schulte
Wed. Dec. 28	8:00am	No Mass
Thurs. Dec. 29	8:00am	No Mass
Sat. Dec 31	4:00pm	+Chris Groose
Sun. Jan. 1	8:00am 10:00am	+Ron Fox +Max & Lucille Limbach

## PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 26	- Parish Office Closed, Quilting 8am-12noon
Tues. Dec. 27	- Parish Office Closed
Wed. Dec. 28	- Senior Dinner 11am-1pm play cards after
Thurs. Dec. 29	- Quilting 8:30am-3pm & 6-9pm
Fri. Dec. 30	- Parish Office Closed, AA & Al Anon Meeting 8pm
Sat. Dec. 31	- New Years Eve New Years Eve Dance, Shiloh 8:30pm
Sun. Jan. 1	- Solemnity of Mary, New Years Day
Mon. Jan. 2	- Parish Office Closed, No School

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/22-6/30/23	\$551,573
Budgeted Monthly Goal - <b>December</b>	\$45,964
<b>Weekly Collections:</b>	
Dec 1-2	\$3,106
Dec 3-9	\$12,517
Dec 10-16	\$6,399
Dec 17-23	\$
Dec 24-31	\$
<b>Monthly Total To Date</b>	<b>\$22,022</b>
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/22-12/16/22	\$182,076
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/22-12/16/22	\$254,568
Difference	(\$72,492)

(This is the amount needed to cover operating expenses.)

### Catholic Stewardship Appeal 2023

Parish Goal = \$15,606

Total Received: \$6,367 / Total Committed: \$8,692

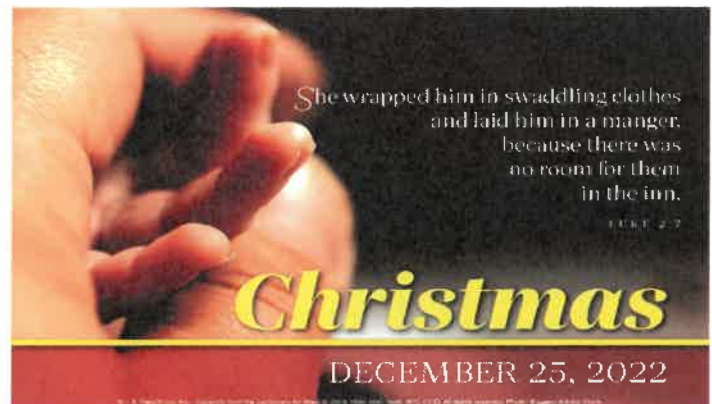
### Diocese CSA 2023 Goal/Totals as of 12/13/22

Diocese Goal: \$1,100,000  
Cash Received: \$520,000  
Total Committed: \$624,188

## Please Pray for our Sick Loved Ones

Dorothy E. Berendzen	Nathan Klindt
Nancy Boatman	Alvin Jr (June) Koetting
Owen Boatman	Viola Lepper-Ihler
Leah Boyer	Kathy Miller
Dale Buechter	Kevin Morff
Margaret Evers	Jim Morgan
Kari France	Betty (Kempker) Nally
Bob Goetz	Ethan Nevins
Beth Hale	Marilyn Otto
Jim Hale	Katie Rustemeyer
Bobby Hartman	Rodney Schaben
Milinda Hoecker	Lexi Staats
Wilfred Hoecker	Bob Stuenkel
Jim Holtmeyer	Darrin Tellman
Konlee Kempker	Melody Welchmeyer
Kris Kempker	Ashley Wilbers
Tom Kempker	Delbert Wilde
Jane Kesel	

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.



### Concrete in Front of Church During Inclement Weather

We are continuing to not salt the new concrete in front of the Church in order to preserve and maintain the life of the concrete. Please use handicap entrance only.

**New Year's Eve Dance** December 31, 2022, 8:30pm-12:30pm. Music by SHILOH, OLOS Parish Hall Mary's Home. \$25/ticket, \$35/couple. Soda/ice setups-party favors provided. BYOD (drinks) & BYOS (snacks); must be 18 years or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased from: Kim Evers, Colleen Abbott, Carrie Boessen, Roselyn Wood, Kathleen Haeffner, OLOS Credit Union. Fundraiser for OLOS Youth attending NCYC in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2023.

**During this time, please remember to continue giving to the Church. You have options:**

- mail your contributions to the parish office,
- sign up for electronic giving through ACH or
- donate online.

Blank ACH forms are available in the back of Church, on Church website, or by contacting the Parish Office. To donate online - go to our new church website and click on GIVE.

*Thank you for your continued support  
for the mission of the Church.*

## SCHOOL NEWS:

We have been approached with the possibility of having someone donate a school bus or van. **If you, or someone you know, would be interested in driving a morning and/or afternoon bus route, please contact Lucinda Varner at 573-498-3574 or lvarner@olosschool.org**

**Join us for a student-led Mass every Wednesday morning at 8:00. We will also have student-led Masses on the 1st Sunday of the month. Our next student-led Mass will be February 5 at 10am.** We would love to have you worship with our staff and students.

Don't forget to **follow the school on Facebook** for more up to date information about the building and pictures of our students participating in activities that are going on.

**SIGN UP FOR GERBES COMMUNITY REWARDS:** OLOS is enrolled in the Gerbes "Community Rewards" program. This program offers money back to our school/parish, based on enrolled customer's spending. It is a really easy process. You just tie your Gerbes shopper's card to our school account. If you don't have a Gerbes shopper's card, it takes less than a minute to get one at the store & also online. All the information is at [www.gerbes.com/communityrewards](http://www.gerbes.com/communityrewards). **Our school code is TU152.** It takes just a couple minutes so get all your family and friends to register as well! The school will receive quarterly payments in cash form. This has the potential to be a great moneymaker – the key is to get many, many people involved. No selling needed! Please pass the word to family & friends and thanks for supporting OLOS School & Parish!!!


**Diocese of Jefferson City Podcast: *Answering Questions about Christmas.*** Are there really 12 days of Christmas? Was Jesus actually born in a stable? Why do we place presents under the tree? In the latest podcast from the Diocese of Jefferson City, students at Mary Immaculate Parish School and Helias Catholic High School share their questions about Christmas.

Msgr. Robert Kurwicki, Vicar General, tells about the history behind our traditions — and how they connect with our Catholic faith. **Follow this link to listen: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/2078226>**

**Best Advent Ever -Dynamic Catholic** This year Dynamic Catholic is leading **Best Christmas Ever.** These are daily reflections to spiritually boost this Christmas season. Most people spend the time leading up to Christmas feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and stuck. Caught in the complexity and busyness of the holiday season, we end up striving for all the things that aren't worth having. It's no wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas has become lost! This year, do something different. Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas. Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning for free to help you focus your day on what matters most. We've created not one, but TWO fantastic experiences for you this year. You can choose one or do both, but one of these paths is perfect for someone in your life. So share them boldly and journey toward a peaceful Christmas together! Go to [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com) to get started!

The **December Salt and Light Newsletter** is now available from the **Religious Ed Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office:** <https://diojeffcity.org/salt-light-newsletter-december-2022/>

*Stewardship*



**The Nativity of the Lord**  
And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory as of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.  
John 1:14



### **Our Lady of the Snows Christmas & New Year Mass Schedules**

December 24, Saturday -Vigil Mass of Christmas: 4PM (Fr. Finder) Mary's Home, 6PM (Fr. Alex) Eldon

December 25, Sunday - Christmas Mass: Mary's Home: 8AM (Fr. Finder) & 10AM (Fr. Alex)

December 31, Saturday - New Year's Eve, Mass: 4PM (Fr. Finder) Mary's Home, 6PM (Fr. Alex) Eldon. This will satisfy for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, which is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

January 1, 2023, Sunday -Vigil Mass: Mary's Home: 8AM (Fr. Finder) & 10AM (Fr. Alex)



# 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.

Contact list of replacements for liturgical assignments:  
<https://ourladyofthesnows.diojeffcity.org/parish-life/liturgical-resources/>  
 or you can find a hard copy in the binder inside the cabinet in back of Church.

## December 31 – Saturday, 4PM

Mass Ministry Sign Up Sheets  
in back of Church

## January 1 – Sunday, 8AM, 10AM

Mass Ministry Sign Up Sheets  
in back of Church

## January 7 – Saturday, 4PM

**Rosary Leader** – Mary Doerhoff  
**Mass Greeters** – Debbie & Nathan Klindt  
**Ushers** – Joe Schulte, Ronnie J. Schulte, \*Need 2 Volunteers\*  
**Lectors** – Rose Lepper  
**Eucharistic Minister** – Sarah Adrian  
**Servers** – \*Need 1 or 2 Volunteers\*

## January 8 – Sunday, 10AM

**Rosary Leader** – Gail Kempker  
**Mass Greeters** – Alvin Jr. & Emma Jean Koetting  
**Ushers** – Chad, Judd, Wyatt, & Isaiah Abbott  
**Lectors** – Jerry Hogg, Gail Kempker  
**Eucharistic Minister** – \*Need 1 Volunteer\*  
**Servers** – Margaret Berendzen, \*Need 1 Volunteer\*

**Online Counseling Services now available at Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri** Experiencing grief after a loss? Feeling a strain on your marriage or personal relationships? Looking for a faith-informed professional mental health provider that will honor your health needs and spiritual care? Catholic Charities Counseling services is now providing professional in-person and online therapy across the Diocese of Jefferson City. To learn more about how counseling could help you or a loved one or to schedule a free 15-minute consultation simply visit [ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling](http://ccnmo.diojeffcity.org/counseling).



This summer, the Diocese of Jefferson City is looking for college-aged Catholics who are passionate about helping young people grow in their faith.

We have a limited number of paid summer positions available with our Totus Tuus and Catholic summer camp programs.

- ♦ **SERVE AS A MISSIONARY TO CATHOLIC YOUTH.**
- ♦ **LIVE IN COMMUNITY WITH YOUR FELLOW MISSIONARIES.**
- ♦ **GROW IN YOUR FAITH.**



Learn more



Please remember Mary Elizabeth (O'Reilly) Schaffer, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight's late mother, in your prayers. She died unexpectedly yet peacefully in the home on December 8, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, at the age of 73. **Memorial Mass for Mrs. Schaffer will be held at St. Andrew Church in Holt Summit on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 10:30 am. All are welcome to attend.**

**The Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Jefferson City is open** four days each week for neighbors to visit and shop for fresh produce, meat, dairy and center-aisle food items. Because our pantry functions like a grocery store, many hands are helpful in stocking shelves, checking in pantry members, and checking-out groceries. We are actively looking for volunteers with a passion for serving their neighbors during open pantry hours and groups interested in a day of service. Interested? Please contact Lori Stoll to learn more or set up time for a tour of the pantry and an idea of what volunteering at CCCNMO could look like for you or your group.

Put yourself out there, and don't be afraid of what others think. You'll be amazed how much the Holy Spirit will work through you.

### Upcoming Events (view flyer on Church website)

**New Year's Eve Dance** December 31, 2022, 8:30pm-12:30pm. Music by SHILOH, OLOS Parish Hall-Mary's Home. \$25/ticket, \$35/couple. Soda/ice setups-party favors provided. BYOD (drink) & BYOS (snacks); must be 18 years or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased from: Kim Evers, Colleen Abbott, Carrie Boessen, Roselyn Wood, Kathleen Haeffner, OLOS Credit Union. Fundraiser for OLOS Youth attending National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2023.

**Christmas Celebrations at the Shrine** (National Shrine of Mary Mother of the Church) in **Laurie**. We're hosting our Annual Festival of Lights from **Dec 15 until Jan 8th** this year! Come drive thru 5-10pm and enjoy our joyous celebration for Christmas!

**2023 Mid West March for Life** *Wednesday, April 26, 8am-3pm* at the Missouri State Capitol South Lawn, 201 W. Capitol Ave. Speakers: Shawn Carney & Lauren Muzyka. Call 573-340-8444 for questions. Save the Date!

During **National Vocation Awareness Week**, the Diocese of Jefferson City shared **religious vocation stories** from across our diocese. Go to <https://diojeffcity.org/vocation-stories/> to read the full stories of not only Fr. Dan Merz but of other priests and sisters who serve the Church in the Diocese of Jefferson City.

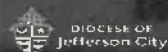
Read Father Dan Merz's whole story: I knew definitively when the Bishop ordained me! From then on, all doubt ceased and I've never questioned my vocation. Until then, it was a struggle. But I always loved the brotherhood of seminary life and enjoyed learning about theology. Once I started seminary, I never found a good reason to leave! My vocation began as a young boy desiring with all my heart to see the face of Christ. I remember sitting on my bed late at night begging for a glimpse of the face of Christ...just once and I wouldn't bug Him again! After one year of public high school where I never quite felt at home, I went to the high school seminary then open in Hannibal (it's closed now), but there I learned the beauty of friendships and community life. In the college seminary, I really fell in love with God. Now, I also dated a couple of wonderful girls in high school and college, but I discerned the most peace and joy in giving my life for the Church. It's hard to find a better or more beautiful Bride.

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Father Dan Merz

St. Thomas More Newman Center,  
Columbia

#VocationStory #NVAW



### **JEFFERSON CITY PRE-CANA 2023**

**March 11, June 17, Sept 23** - For more information & registration: <https://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/pre-cana-registration/>

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

**2023 dates and location to be determined**

For more information and registration: <https://diojeffcity.org/marriage-preparation/engaged-encounter/>

### **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)

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Jefferson City**

No New Dates Listed Yet

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

### **Help Wanted:**

-Many local parishes, Catholic Schools & organizations have job openings available, follow <https://diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment/> to find out more!

-St. Andrew Catholic School in Tipton has an opening for a junior high science and literature teacher. Part-time science and/or literature would be acceptable. All interested persons can contact the principal, Kara Higgins, at [khiggins@saintandrewpirates.com](mailto:khiggins@saintandrewpirates.com).

-The Chancery Office of the Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a full-time senior bookkeeper with advanced bookkeeping and elementary accounting work in the maintenance, review and analysis of detailed financial records throughout the entire accounting cycle. Qualified candidates should send their resume to [HRDir@diojeffcity.org](mailto:HRDir@diojeffcity.org). -Since 1882, Sacred Heart School has been committed to formation in the Catholic faith, academic achievement, and the development of the whole person. Serving students from kindergarten through 12th grade, Sacred Heart is the mission of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Sedalia, Missouri. The successful candidate for **President of Sacred Heart School** will be an active Catholic, passionate in advancing the Stewardship Model of Catholic education, fostering Catholic Identity, implementing and expanding the current strategic plan, providing for the financial stability and operational vitality of the school, and building community relationships. Experience in business financial management and confidence in leading the school's philanthropic efforts will be essential. The President leverages external and internal influence for the long-term viability of the school. The President serves on and is supported by an Advisory Council and reports directly to the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul. A demonstrated capacity for strategic planning and institutional leadership can be attained through various career paths, including education, non-profit management, or work in the corporate or public sector. If you believe you are called to this ministry, please send a letter of interest to Rev. Joseph S. Corel, Pastor St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 421 W. Third Street, Sedalia, MO 65301.



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