



## *Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation*

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm and Midnight*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am and 10:30 am*

### *Old St Vincents Chapel of Ease*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm*

*December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am*



SOLEMNITY  
of the  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
*Mother of God*

JANUARY 1

St. Marys Cathedral  
Mass Times

December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:15 pm Vigil Mass  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 am & 10:30 am

## *Spiritual News*

*Dear friends in Christ,*

Peace and blessings to you in the hope that this reflection finds you all doing very well. Rejoice with me on this **Gaudete Sunday** because what we are waiting for is near – the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, the one who comes to “Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak.” It is Jesus who is saying to us today “Be strong, fear not!”- for He has come to save us from sin and death restoring us to a life of grace.

Rejoice that the Son of God has come to save us and to open our eyes to see the glory of God the Father – a reminder that the day of salvation is near at hand. May God give us the strength and courage necessary to know, love and serve Him always.

My renewed thanks to all of you for your overwhelming support of our **Angel Tree**. Thanks to you, we have collected well over **129** gifts and **150** gift cards to benefit our Food pantry clients, Little Flower (Catholic Charities), Birthright, Parish families, Nursing Homes and our Home bound. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity during this season of grace, and especially at a time of great need. Our parish is a beautiful house where faith is practiced and put into action. I am indebted to all of you who work hard to make our parish a glorious house where the light of Christ shines brightly. May your kindness brighten the lives of so many and remind them of God’s love and presence.

Please be reminded that our Christmas Novena starts on **December 17-23 beginning at 7:00pm**, you are invited to come and pray with us, invite your friends and families. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Masses, check out the schedule in the bulletin.

*May the Lord bless and keep you all in His love and may His mercy abide always with you and your dear family.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*  
*Fr. Patrick Ike*  
*Rector*

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**2025 Angel Tree**

The Angel Tree helps to provide Christmas gifts for parishioners in nursing homes, homebound and those who could use a little assistance this holiday season.



The 2025 Angel Tree has been expanded to include a bit of extra help for those in our parish and community, those who come to the Food Pantry for assistance, Little Flower Campus mothers and babies and Birthright families.

Feel free to take an angel or angels from the tree. Please place your gift in a gift bag with the Angel tag securely attached, under the Angel Tree. Prayerfully consider making a generous donation to our annual Angel tree.

**Not a shopper? No problem! New this year are \$ Angels.** Choose a \$ Angel from the tree. Cash donations are always appreciated. Checks should be made to St. Mary Cathedral with "Angel Tree" on the memo line. Place your donation with the \$ Angel ornament in an envelope marked Angel Tree and drop it in the collection basket.

If you have questions, please contact Jim or Donna in the Parish Office @ 573-3359347

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You can also share this with your family members. For more information on how to sign up for the FREE resource, contact the parish office, 573-335-9347.

★ YOU ARE INVITED ★

**Christmas Novena  
 & Scavenger Hunt**

Friday December 19, 2025 - 6-9pm ★  
 St. Mary School Gym, Cape  
 event for 6th - 12th grades

★ WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER ★  
 HOT COCOA & COOKIES WILL BE PROVIDED

For more information contact your youth leader or email [LightTheFireSEMO@gmail.com](mailto:LightTheFireSEMO@gmail.com)  
 Scan the code to RSVP (REQUIRED)  
 Last day to RSVP is Tuesday Dec 16th



★ Get ready to have some fun! ★

★ Parents: interested in being a chaperone? We need Virtus trained adults to drive/ride in cars. If interested please indicate so on the RSVP form, or email the address above. ★



**St Mary School Auction  
 Lotsa Cash Drawings**

The Lotsa Cash Ticket sales have begun!  
 Get your ticket from any school family or school office.


Next drawings will be:  
**Dec. 15, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9.**  
 Buy your chance to win next!

**\$100 Polaris Ranger Raffle**

Win a new Polaris Ranger 1000 and a \$1000 gift card to Sappington Pro Outdoor. Drawing will be held at the St. Mary School Auction Feb. 21, 2026.

Tickets are \$100 and only 300 will be sold.

Cash, Check or Venmo accepted.  
 Tickets available in the school office and Venmo. Make checks out to St. Mary Home & School UTV Raffle or scan Venmo QR code.



**School Calendar**

Dec 17 Advanced Band Concert/Christmas Program  
 Dec 19: Christmas Party 11:00 AM Dismissal  
 Dec 20- Jan. 4 Christmas Vacation

**Little Flower Girls Club**  
 The Little Flower Girls club meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 3:15-4:45 PM.

**MOScholars Scholarships**  
 MOScholars scholarships are available to students who are new to private schools. It is a full scholarship for all 12 years of private education. Contact Alan Bruns, 573-335-3840. [AlanBruns@stmarycape.org](mailto:AlanBruns@stmarycape.org)



**Food Pantry News**  
 There is a very high need for canned corn, green beans, other canned vegetables, peanut butter and soups as well as monetary donations. You can bring donations to the parish office during business hours.  
 JimK@stmarycathedral.net

**St Mary Cathedral School Home & School Presents 2026 Dinner Auction  
 Game Show Extravaganza!**

February 21, 2026  
 Doors open: 4:00 PM  
 Dinner: 6:00 PM  
 Live Auction: 7:30 PM  
 Hinkebein's Catering  
 Dinner & Open Bar

**Donations being accepted now:**  
 Auction items  
 gift cards  
 services  
 experiences

**Sponsorships**  
 Showcase—\$3,000 includes table of 8, 2 reserved parking spots program ad, listing on website  
 Pricing Game—\$2,000 includes Table of 8 program ad, recognition  
 Bidder's Row—\$1,000 includes 4 tickets, program ad

Tickets are \$50 each or \$400 for table of 8 tickets include access to in person event, dinner, regular bar offerings  
 For Auction/Dinner Tickets (*Auctria website*)  
 Scan the QR code or go to <https://fundraiser.bid/2026stmarycape>



# Stewardship



## TIME—TALENT—TREASURE



“Stewardship is about recognizing and receiving God’s gifts and sharing them proportionately and sacrificially. It’s about following Jesus Christ. It’s about conversion.”

### COLLECTION REPORT

Our Gift to God—Donations Received for the Week Ended:  
**December 7, 2025**

St. Mary Cathedral	Actual	Budget Average
Sunday Collection	\$28,221.69	\$10,000.00
Online Giving	\$7,922.17	\$9,000.00
Building/ Maintenance	\$40.00	\$12,000.00
<b>Totals for Week</b>	<b>\$36,183.86</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>
Attendance	772	
Old St. Vincent	Actual	Budget Average
Sunday Collection	\$10,656.08	\$2,150.00
Attendance	136	

#### Sharing Our Faith

Please consider putting your assets to work to advance our parish’s mission, now and into the future.

**Will Bequest**—Including St Mary’s in your will is a simple way to provide for our parish into the future without diminishing your current assets. Existing wills can easily be amended.

**IRA Charitable Rollovers**—for anyone age 70.5+, Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) gifts made directly from an IRA to St. Mary may bring significant tax benefits.

**Charitable Gift Annuities**—Ideal for those age 70+, CGAs offer a life-long fixed income, guaranteed regardless of market fluctuation, in return for an irrevocable gift of \$10,000 or more.

**Stocks**—While the stock market can be unpredictable, stock gifts support St. Mary and pay provide tax advantages whether your stocks have experienced gains or losses.

**Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**- Support our mission with assets you have already set aside for charity. St Mary may also be named as beneficiary of your DAF.

Thank you for the many ways you support our beautiful parish!  
Your generosity makes a significant difference for good.

Please consider giving to help with some of our parish needs:

- HVAC units for Church and Parish Office.
- Roof repairs for Rectory building
- Rectory updates and repairs
- The Building/Maintenance Fund
- LED lights update Parish Offices
- Furniture for Rectory
- Repairs to School building
- Replace parish office elevator



Contributions may be made by scanning the QR code or sending a check to St. Mary Cathedral, 615 William St, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703. Contact Fr. Patrick for more information.

Your Gift of Praise to God enables our venerable parish in her work of making the Gospel known and lived throughout southeast Missouri.

**2025 End of Year Contributions**  
All tithing received by Dec. 31, 2025 will be posted to your 2025 contribution record.

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
ST. MARY CATHEDRAL PARISH  
IN YOUR WILL!**



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### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 14th** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
7:00, 8:30, 10:30 AM  
10:00 AM Old St. Vincent’s

**Monday, December 15th**  
Masses: 6:00, 8:00 AM  
9:00 AM Adult Study Angels in the Bible  
6:30 PM Vocation Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, December 16th**  
8:00 AM Mass  
4:30 PM Confessions  
5:15 PM Mass followed by Perpetual Help Devotions  
6:30 PM OCIA \* Huels Room  
6:30 PM Spiritual Book Club

**Wednesday, December 17th**  
6:00 & 8:00 AM Masses  
6:30 AM Men’s Cursillo Group \* Huels  
6:00 PM Cathedral Choir  
6:45 PM PSR  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena

**Thursday, December 18th**  
9:00 AM Adult Study Acts of the Apostles  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena

**Friday, December 19th**  
6:00 & 8:00 AM Masses  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena

**Saturday, December 20th**  
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena

**Sunday, December 21st** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
7:00, 8:30, 10:30 AM  
10:00 AM Old St. Vincent’s  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11  
December 21 4th Sunday of Advent

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 15**  
6:00 AM + Hank & Ada Buchheit  
8:00 AM + John Yallaly

**Tuesday, December 16**  
8:00 AM Loi & Mary Ha Family  
5:15 PM Elderly & Shut-ins

**Wednesday, December 17**  
6:00 AM Fr. Jim Michler  
8:00 AM + CeCe Moses Devore

**Thursday, December 18**  
6:00 AM Fr. Allan Saunders  
8:00 AM + Rosemary Hendrix

**Friday, December 19**  
6:00 AM + Jerry Mulvaney  
8:00 AM + Charlotte & Vernon Auer

**Saturday, December 20**  
4:30 PM + Living/Deceased Members of the Reynolds Family

**Sunday, December 21**  
7:00 AM + Vilet Robert  
8:30 AM + Alfred Schwab  
10:30 AM The Parish Family

**Old St Vincent’s**  
10:00 AM + Leon Calvin

FREE Christmas Concert at Old St. Vincent’s Church  
131 S. Main St., Cape Girardeau  
Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.  
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**CHRISTMAS  
BRASS & ORGAN  
CONCERT**

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**December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent**

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Old St. Vincent Church, Chapel of Ease www.oldstvincents.org



**Christmas Novena**

St. Mary's will hold  
 its annual  
 Christmas Novena  
 December 17-23 at  
 7:00 PM in Church.

Join us for this wonderful  
 preparation for the birth of Jesus.

O Come,  
 O Come  
 Emmanuel



**Pastoral Staff**

The Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, D.D.  
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**Sunday Masses**

Sunday: 7:00, 8:30 and 10:30 AM  
 Radio & Live Stream Mass: 8:30 AM  
 (KZIM AM 960)  
 Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 PM  
 Old St. Vincent's Sunday 10:00 AM

**Weekday Masses**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:00  
 & 8:00 AM  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM, 5:15 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 PM  
 Tuesdays: 4:30-5:00 PM  
 First Sundays of the month; 3:00 PM

**Infant Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Matrimony**

Contact Parish Office at least six months prior  
 to possible date.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Call the Parish Office to make an  
 appointment. Please keep us informed so we  
 might minister to those who are at home or in  
 the hospital.