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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.

Pastoral Staff

- The Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, D.D.
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COLLECTION REPORT

Our Gift to God—Donations Received for the Week Ended:
November 30, 2025

St. Mary Cathedral	Actual	Budget Average
Sunday Collection	\$23,592.51	\$10,000.00
Online Giving	\$2,930.96	\$9,000.00
Building/ Maintenance	\$650.00	\$12,000.00
Totals for Week	\$27,173.47	\$31,000.00
Attendance	793	
Old St. Vincent	Actual	Budget Average
Sunday Collection	\$1,114.00	\$2,150.00
Attendance	161	

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.

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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.

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, December 8th *Immaculate Conception*
Holy Day Masses: 6:00, 8:00 AM, 5:15 PM
Parish Offices/School Closed for Holy Day

Tuesday, December 9th *St. Juan Diego*
8:00 AM Mass
4:30 PM Confessions
5:15 PM Mass followed by Perpetual Help Devotions
6:30 PM OCIA * Huels Room

Wednesday, December 10th *Our Lady of Loreto*
6:00 & 8:00 AM Masses
6:30 AM Men’s Cursillo Group * Huels
10:00 AM Lutheran Home Mass
6:00 PM Cathedral Choir
6:45 PM PSR

Thursday, December 11th *St. Damasus I*
9:00 AM Adult Study Acts of the Apostles

Friday, December 12th *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
6:00 & 8:00 AM Masses
Bishop Leibrecht’s Episcopal Ordination Anniversary
6:30-8:00 PM School Live Nativity

Saturday, December 13th *St. Lucy*
3:00-4:00 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 8
6:00 AM + Laura Simmons Voss
8:00 AM + Gena Bisher
5:15 PM The Parish Family

Tuesday, December 9
8:00 AM + Vernon Compas
5:15 PM + Larry Frey

Wednesday, December 10
6:00 AM + Sarah Aydt
8:00 AM + John & Dorothy Reece

Thursday, December 11
6:00 AM Bishop Rice & Priests of Our Diocese
8:00 AM + Margaret Lacey

Friday, December 12
6:00 AM + Janice Cullen Carr
8:00 AM + Elmer & Susie Seyer

Saturday, December 13
4:30 PM + Owen Capriola

Sunday, December 14
7:00 AM + Guido & Marge Mazzocco
8:30 AM + Clyde & Alfreda Bohnert
10:30 AM The Parish Family

Old St Vincent’s
10:00 AM + Karen Altenthal

SCRIPTURE READING

December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11



PCCW

St. Mary Cathedral PCCW (*Parish Council of Cathedral Women*) will meet Thursday, December 11, 2025 in the Huels Room at 6:00 PM.

We will be having a potluck dinner to celebrate Christmas. All ladies of the parish are invited. For any questions contact Sharon Derrington at 573-450-1377.

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Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 4:00 pm and Midnight (11:30 PM Caroling begins)

December 25th – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Old St Vincents Chapel of Ease

December 25th - 10:00 am

FREE Christmas Concert at Old St. Vincent's Church
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Saturday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.
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Dec 12 from 6:30–8:00 PM

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Spiritual News

*Dear friends in Christ,
Peace and blessings to you!*

I pray you and your families are well, and that you are having a spirit filled Advent. Let us keep each other in prayer that this season of grace will inspire us all to live a life worthy of praise as we await the birth of our Savior.

This is an exciting time here at the Cathedral with so many young parents bringing their children to Mass, I ask that you please support, pray for and extend a warm welcome to these young men and women striving to live a faith-filled life amidst the daily challenges of life.

A few years ago, Bishop Rice had encouraged all parishes to move from **Maintenance to Mission** a motivation, an encouragement and a call on all the baptized to come together and find new ways of making the gospel relevant in their lives, homes and communities. I trust that all of us, hearing the mandate of Jesus: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age...” will do all we can to be part of our upcoming initiative **“Baptized and Sent.”**

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life especially from our parish.

I ask that you pray for our 2nd Graders preparing for first Holy Communion, our Confirmation candidates and the men and women in OCIA – we are indeed grateful to God for blessing our beautiful parish. Thanks to all of you good people who work daily to make our parish a house of prayer and formation. May the Lord bless and keep us all in his love.

Awaken our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only-begotten Son, that we may serve You with minds that are purified through His coming, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen

Fr. Patrick Ike
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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 will be expanded to include a bit of extra help for those in our community who come to the Food Pantry for assistance, Birthright families and Little Flower Campus mothers and babies. The Angel Tree will be up beginning the first Sunday of Advent. 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

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.

Please keep the Food Pantry in your prayers and donation considerations. Your generosity makes this possible. For more information contact Jim Keusenkothen, JimK@stmarycathedral.net

**Youth Group 6—12th Graders
 Christmas Novena & Scavenger Hunt**

Friday Dec. 19 6:00 - 9:00 PM
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 wear ugly Christmas sweater, cookies/hot chocolate provided.
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SCHOOL CALENDAR



Dec 8 No School
 Dec 10 2 PM Dismissal: Faculty Mtg
 Dec 12 Live Nativity
 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.

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