

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door will begin when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

Pope Francis has asked that the year 2024 be dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepares for the Jubilee of 2025. Please pray:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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MASS
Sundays 7:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: To Be Determined
Sacrament of the Sick: By Appointment

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THE EPIHPANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

7:45 am Intentions of the Parishioners

PRAYER REQUESTS

Karyn Smith, Ruth Bashford

JANUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope Francis: Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Bishop Johnston: Let us pray for all who live and suffer in countries impacted by war, especially children and vulnerable people. For an end to war and for peace in the New Year.

2024 GIVING

Please consider Sacred Heart when you are finalizing your 2024 taxes. Gifting needs to be completed by mid-January for the 2024 donation reports. Contact the office if you have any questions.

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As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." Information can be found at www.usccb.org/jubilee2025. More on the back page.

MASS MINISTERS

Sunday, January 12, 2024

Lector: Emily Horner

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

December 24, 2024

\$662.00

December 29, 2024

\$454.00

TAX-FREE GIVING

Every time you give to your parish, a ministry or worthy cause, you are giving a gift to God. If you can live without using withdrawals from your IRA, giving from an IRA account is one of the smartest ways to make a real impact for your parish. IRA QCD's (qualified charitable distributions) are **excluded from taxable income**. Some of our parishioners have already given to the parish through this method and have saved taxes in the process. If you have any questions about how to do this, contact the Office of Planned Giving at (816) 714-2346.

SECOND COLLECTION

The next second collection is January 19 for Catholic Home Missions Appeal and Black & Indian Missions Appeal.

ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Sacred Heart's 2025 donation envelopes and calendars are in the church vestibule. Please contact Sarah in the office if you'd like envelopes and did not receive any.

EMAIL UPDATES WANTED

If you receive an emailed year-end donation report for tax purposes and your email has changed, please let Sarah in the office know at shmichurch@gmail.com. Thank you!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

No update this week. Sacred Heart has surpassed our parish goal of **\$2,406.00!** The diocese has received **22 gifts** totaling **\$3,758.00**, which is **156%** of Sacred Heart's goal. The church will receive half of the over-ages paid to the ACA, but *feel free to make a donation directly to the church instead of the ACA if you would like*. Thank you for your support!

RETROUVAILLE

Whether you need a refresh or a rescue, Retrouvaille is designed to improve communication and help you build a better marriage by connecting with your spouse on a deeper level. Over 95% of couples that attend would recommend the program. The Kansas City weekend is January 31—February 2. HelpOurMarriage.org

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

Registration is open to attend the 2025 March for Life in Washington DC with the diocese. A bus will be departing from Old St. Patrick's Oratory in the evening of January 22. Find more information about travel, accommodations, and registration at form.jotform.com/243408001400134.



EPIPHANY

Epiphany (or Theophany, as it is known in the Eastern Rite Catholic Church), also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son as human in Jesus Christ. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning "manifestation." The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

The Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it also is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness.

Many families will celebrate Epiphany with an opportunity to bless their homes in the New Year by taking the first two numbers of the year, adding the letters CMB (to honor the three Wise Men), and then adding the last two numbers of the year and displaying this sign over the top of the door of their home. The letters stand for the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, or, "Christ, bless this house." (20+C+M+B+25).