

**SUNDAY BULLETIN DECEMBER 15, 2024**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December*

*For Pilgrims of Hope*

*Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**  
**CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS**

**Tuesday, December 17—Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 AM—Sawyer Neis

**Wednesday, December 18—Late Advent Weekday**

8:15 AM—Cooper Maddox

**Thursday, December 19—Late Advent Weekday**

7:30 AM—Maury Maddox

**Friday, December 20—Late Advent Weekday**

8:15 AM—Gloria Gay Johnston+

**Saturday, December 21—St. Thomas**

7:30 AM—Buckner family

5:00 PM—Jim Alford+ (Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Sunday, December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM—Rick O'Halloran+

10:00 AM—People of the Parish

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**Scripture Readings**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

**DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING 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, 816-812-2500 or [crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org](mailto: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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816-392-0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## “CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS: FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL”

### THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

#### December 21—St. Thomas, Apostle

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred.

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas."

According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as

India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India.

The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. However, it is believed that Saint Thomas' skull rests in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos.

In art, Saint Thomas is commonly depicted as a young man holding a scroll, or as a young adult touching the resurrected Christ's wounds.

### PARISH POT LUCK

Pot Luck this weekend, Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm  
Christmas Day 9:00 am

### New Year's Mass Schedule

Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
December 31 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)  
January 1 6:00 pm



## SUNDAY BULLETIN- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES DECEMBER 21-22		
Mass Time	Position	Knight(s)
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Jackson Reeter
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Dominic Robinson Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Tanner Kremer Cameron Williams Elijah Sensenich Kale Walker Hudson Marcolla Grady Allen Anderson Marcolla

### IN LOVING MEMORY

**Floyd Jerome "Jerry" Davis**  
September 27, 1935  
December 5, 2024

**Christopher Ellison**  
May 16, 1957  
December 5, 2024

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen

LECTOR SCHEDULE DECEMBER 22	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Ken Lauhoff
Sun. 10am	Mary Pauley

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR THE 2025 CONFIRMATION** are held every Sunday after 10:00 Mass.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREP

If your child is in second grade, does not attend Bishop Hogan, and is ready to begin classes for first confession and first communion, please contact the parish office as soon as you are able. Classes will begin formally in January but there are resources for us to give you prior to that.



### Weekly Offering

*December 8*  
*Offertory \$12,192*  
*Property Maint \$347*  
*Birthingright \$185*

*November Income/Expense*

*Income \$80,287*  
*Expense \$95,540*

*Income over (under) Expense (\$15,253)*

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### BISHOP HOGAN NEWS

Our **4th-8th grade Christmas Program** will be on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 pm. In the school gymnasium. The band will perform first, followed by the choir. Everyone is invited to attend!

**Guest Speaker:** On Monday, Dec. 9, **author and storyteller Curt Isles** talked to students in grades 5-8 about his Pineywoods hometown of Dry Creek as well as his present home in Alexandria, Louisiana. He is best known for the short story collections and historical novels he writes. He was a former basketball player, teacher, coach, Administrator, and now an author. He showed the students books that he has published and talked about what his motivation was for writing them. He elaborated on being an author and how he started his books with journal writing and researching historical facts. He has 14 published books on Amazon, and has goals to write 4 more this year. Mr. Isles blogs at [www.creekbank.net](http://www.creekbank.net). His life statement is "to be a man God can use and be respected by his wife, sons, and grandchildren." Mr. Isles encouraged the students to write their own stories, just as he did. The students had great questions for him. He donated one of his books, **'Where I Come From'** to the Bishop Hogan library! We plan to purchase a few more of his books.

**Advent Service:** The seventh grade students conducted our second Advent Service on Monday, December 9. They read how the second candle symbolizes **Faith**. The Advent journey is made in faith as we invite God's Light into our lives. We asked for the grace to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus and to open our hearts to receive Christ with joy.

May God's light shine through us!  
Pam Brobst, Principal