

December 20, 2020

**Fourth Sunday
Of Advent**



Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89:2-29;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28
After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

**Liturgical Assignments
December 26/27**

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister
4:30 p.m.	Monica Purdy	
9:00 a.m.	Nancy Vanover	
Altar Servers		
4:30 p.m.	Jack Short / Chase Seiter	
9:00 a.m.	Gavin Weiland / Pax Helsel	
Weekday		

Money Counters: Mary Jo Marek / Carol Hunt

Sacrificial Offerings to God

	December 12/13	
Envelopes		\$ 5,943.57
Plate		253.00
Votives		0.00
Repair/Utility Fund		0.00
Retirement for Religious	not in budget	1,797.00
Misc.		485.00
TOTAL		\$6,681.57

*Average Weekly Offertory
Needed* **\$14,360.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the repair/utility fund.

CATHOLICISM - RCIA

This year we are showing Bishop Robert Barron’s beautiful video series on the Church. Parishioners are encouraged to attend any class on any given Sunday. We gather in the Casper Erk Rm (parish center) on Sunday mornings at 10:15AM.

DEC 20 – A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church-Part 1

Bishop Barron explores the Catholic Faith’s unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church and presents the reality of the Church as a truly global culture. From the Church’s center in Rome to the cities of New York, Lagos, Manila, and Rio de Janeiro, Bishop Barron explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church.

If you have further questions please contact Josh or Lindsey Bachman by email at lindseybachman@gmail.com.



Remember Your Parish this Christmas

St. James Parish greatly relies on your generous Christmas offering. Thank you and God bless you!

Bishop’s Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James Parish

Donations: \$6,275.00
Households that have contributed: 29
Diocesan Goal for St. James: 15,000.00
All are encouraged to make a pledge so our parish can reach 100%!



In preparation for Lent, Father Totton invites all men seeking authentic freedom to join their brothers in Christ for **Exodus 90**, which will kick off on **January 4, 2020**.

Exodus 90 is a 90-day spiritual exercise that gives Catholic men a clear path for the journey to freedom through prayer, asceticism and support. More than 30,000 men around the country have made the Exodus and transformed their lives. You can, too!

For more information go to <https://exodus90.com/how-it-works/>. If you have further questions or wish to enroll, please contact Father Totton by email at jtotton@saintjamescatholic.church or call 816-238-0853.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, December 20	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) RCIA – 10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM
Mon.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Confessions – 6PM
Tues.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy -5:30PM Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM
Wed.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM NO Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Thur.	Novena Mass at 8AM Office Closed
Fri.	Office Closed Merry Christmas!
Sat.	Confessions – 3:30PM Mass at 4:30PM
Sunday, December 27	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) NO RCIA Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM

**Christmas Novena continues: Mass + Devotions
December 17 – 25**

Mass will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (traditional Latin Mass) daily from December 17 until December 25 in honor of the Nativity of Our Lord. Following Mass, we will publicly pray the Novena of the Divine Infant.

Sunday December 20 11:30am
(Fourth Sunday of Advent – normal Mass time)
Monday December 21 7pm
Tuesday December 22 7pm
(Holy Hour will be slightly shortened)
Wednesday December 23 7pm
Thursday December 24 8am
Friday December 25 Midnight Mass by candlelight
Confessions will be heard beginning at 6pm prior to the *evening Masses* only through Tuesday 12/22.



The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, *Coram Deo*, is meeting on **Monday, December 21st**, for **Mondays on the Bluff!** Meet at Co-Cathedral parish at **6:10pm** for a walking rosary to River Bluff Brewing, where we will enjoy pizza + drinks! Our next event will be **Wednesdays with the Word**, held on **Wednesday, December 23rd**! Meet at St. Rose of Lima parish at **6:10pm** for prayer + a Scripture study. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at goetz.ally@gmail.com.

**MORE CONFESSION TIMES before Christmas:
MON & TUE, DEC 21st & 22nd - 6PM**

Advent Giving Wreath

Although our wreath is not in the vestibule this year, we have a tradition of donating items to **Birthright**, a local organization that promotes life and helps young mothers. The items they are most in need of are: Size 5 Diapers, Baby Wipes, Enfamil Baby Formula w/iron, Body Wash and Body Lotion. Donations can be left in the vestibule throughout the Advent season.



Please pray for vocations, especially from our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – Jennifer Cox Johnson +
9:00 a.m. – Laudy & Genny Przybylski +

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)
Pro Populo

Monday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. – Earle Powdrell +

Tuesday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – Evelyn Stevenson +

Wednesday, December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest

8 a.m. - Mildred Zuptich +

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. - Russell & Evelyn Stevenson +

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight – Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins +
10 a.m. – Pro Populo

Saturday, December 26

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. - Stefan Rajca +

Sunday, December 27

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 a.m. – Charles & Mary Hanway +
9:00 a.m. – Rita Andriano +

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

11:30 a.m. (Latin)
Pro Populo

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)