

DECEMBER 22, 2024

WELCOME
4th Sunday in Advent
December 22, 2024



Readings: Mt 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45(12)

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement). We also provide donuts & coffee after 9AM Mass on 1st & 2nd Sundays! Join us for fellowship!

Legion of Mary

Meets on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room. Please join us to learn about our mission!

Music

Entrance Antiphon
Opening: #774 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Offertory: #830 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Mystery of Faith: #102
Missa de Angelis

Communion Antiphon

Communion: #783 The King of Love

Marian: #423 Alma, Redemptoris Mater

Closing: #649 O Come, Divine Messiah

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM
Monday: 8:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday: 4:30PM
CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday: 12AM(Midnight)
9:00AM & 11:15AM (Latin)
Friday: 8:00AM CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30PM
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Monday: 7:30AM & 5:30PM
Tuesday: 4:00PM & 11:30PM
Wednesday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Friday: 7:30AM
EUHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday: 8:30AM - 6:00PM
*Confessions : 5:30PM - 6:00PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Gina Smith
Joseph Thiltges
Shirley Miller
Josie Gilbert
Steve Steiner
Richard Coleman
Melissa Riches

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21:

*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:30PM - Esparanza & Jesse Chavez, Sr., sons; Jesse, John, Larry & Larry Chavez, Jr †

Sunday, December 22:

9:00AM - Michael & Frances Hernandez & MaryAnn Ellis †

11:15AM - Mary Elizabeth Netzer †

Monday, December 23:

*Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:00AM - Anna White †

Tuesday, December 24:

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30PM - Evelyn Stevenson †

Wednesday, December 25:

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00AM - Carol (Hochard) Haslouer

9:00AM - Landy & Genny Przybylski & MaryAnn Hughes †

11:15AM - Eugene Miller †

Friday, December 27:

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00AM - Larry Miljavac †

Thoughts by Father Benjamin Fenlon

Merry Christmas, dear St. James community! The waiting is finally over, and Christmas is practically upon us.

I recently watched a Christmas Carol (1999). There have been numerous adaptations of Charles Dickens' famous work, but the 1999 version with Patrick Stewart was one of the more faithful ones to the original – and it certainly shows.

As I watched it, it dawned on me that this tale that we have been telling for well over a hundred years now captures a beautiful and praiseworthy sentiment of good will, generosity, forgiveness... but it's off center.

By all means, watch it, read it, enjoy it, but the center of Christmas is not about giving gifts, spending time with family, burying old rivalries. Those are effects of Christmas. The center of Christmas is ADORATION and WORSHIP of our Lord Jesus Christ, finally present amongst us, our Savior and our Lord.

For over a hundred years, whether consciously or unconsciously, society has been steering away from the center of Christmas.

We have all heard it: Jesus is the reason for the season. The Grinch, Scrooge, and Santa Claus can get lost. They are just distractions...

We must radically push back against the tidal wave of secularism that wants to steal Christmas from our Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to encourage you all to do something daring:

Make worship of our Lord Jesus Christ constitute 30 to 50% of your waking hours on Christmas day. That's a big chunk of the day!

Whether that be going to Mass, praying the rosary, singing Christmas carols (Rudolph does NOT count) re-enacting Bethlehem with your kids, is up to you. Put your mind to it and you will surely come up with something awesome!

Catholic families have looked to St. Joseph Catholic Academy schools for the development and formation of their children for generations. Inadequate and antiquated facilities are compromising the delivery of high-quality academic instruction, support for extracurriculars, and the development of faith for our scholars. Supporting St. Joseph Catholic Academy so these basic improvements to our schools can be made will ensure Catholic education exists for current scholars and those who will follow them.

You are an important part of St. Joseph Catholic Academy, and we would like your input as we discern our future. You can complete the survey now at www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study. The survey should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Correction: Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church. Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin.

The family of *Eugene Miller* would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Saint James parish, Father Jonathan Davis, and all who participated in the funeral Mass for Eugene. We are comforted by your prayers. Thank you.

SCRIP CARDS

Did you know Scrip cards are available anytime in the school office for regular shopping, holiday shopping, or as a gift? Stop by to purchase one to your favorite grocery store, restaurant, department store, or online shopping! Help raise funds for our parish!

Offerings:

ENVELOPES/COLLECTION PLATE: \$9,146.50
MASS INTENTIONS/ MEMORIALS: \$70.00
MAINTENANCE: \$0.00
TOTAL: \$9,216.50
DECEMBER TOTAL: \$39,544.64

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

** Fishless Fish Fry**

Will be in the vestibule to offer envelopes to raise monies for their Catholic Education Fund. All proceeds go towards the scholarship fund for St. James students attending Catholic schools.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested (even a tiny bit) in joining the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been away from the Church for a while and want to come back to full communion? If this describes you, please email or call the parish office to register!

The *Altar Society* will be in the vestibule to take orders for Christmas ornaments! Stop by their table to view a model of the beautifully detailed stained glass brass replica of one of our 14 stained glass Church windows! A beautiful display on your tree or as a last-minute gift for someone!

Mir House is going digital! If you are an existing adorer, are interested in obtaining your own holy hour, want to become an occasional substitute, or just curious about what goes on at Mir House, please consider signing up for a We Adore Him account. There you can view the current schedule, sign up for hours, request automatic substitutes, receive reminders for your holy hour, and get closings/changes updates by text, email, or call! Sign up with the QR code or by going to mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup.



Springtime Pilgrimage! to **Italy!** March 25th - April 2nd

A very special Lenten experience during the Jubilee Year with Fr. Davis! Includes Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni, Montecassino, and Rome! It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! Extension to Medjugorje available. Please contact Mark Wyble at (816) 233-8427 or religiousramblers@gmail.com

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