

December 11, 2022

**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Liturgical Assignments – December 17/18	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Kountz
7:00 a.m.	Volunteer needed
9:00 a.m.	Mike Chappell
	Altar Servers
4:30 p.m.	Jude Stewart / Volunteer needed
9:00 a.m.	Austin, Teddy & Levi Barnes
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Mike Lynch / Sharon Lynch	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 3/4	
Envelopes	11,964.00
Plate	184.85
Votives	71.75
Repair/Utility Fund	395.25
Miscellaneous	468.00
TOTAL	13,083.85
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the annual **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This fund helps religious communities care for their seniors both today and tomorrow.

NOTE: There will be No Morning Mass on Thursday, December 15th.

Msgr. William Caldwell, Pastor of St. James from 1988 to 1993, passed away on December 3rd.

He was a cheerful soul and we were blessed to have him as part of our family. Rest in peace, Father Bill.



Congratulations to Denise Mereness, Winner of Freudenthal’s November Aging Well Award for her continued dedication and presence in Mark Twain school, even after her retirement.

Holy Name Society Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 15th in MMHall

6 pm -Social, Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meat and potatoes supplied, please bring a side.

Food Drive This Weekend

St. Vincent de Paul Society’s monthly food drive is this weekend. Nonperishable items should be left in the vestibule.

Valley Community Center/Food Kitchen Thank You

Mary, who runs the South Side Food Kitchen, was overwhelmed by the amount of coats and cold weather items that St. James Parish/School donated for our coat drive. She wanted to pass on her appreciation and thanks to all who participated.

Christmas Memorials - \$15.

Deadline is Thursday,

December 15th.

Note: Donations to Christmas memorials go toward the flowers used to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. Remaining donations are put in our operating fund.



The Imitation of Christ – Sundays of Advent.

Please join Deacon Hemke downstairs after the 9:00 Mass as we delve further into the spiritual insights of the Catholic classic, **The Imitation of Christ**. Hopefully, these discussions will inspire you to draw closer to Jesus in prayer and understanding as we draw closer to His Birth and Incarnation.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, December 11	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9AM The Imitation of Christ – 10 am, MMHall Coffee and Donuts – 10 am CCD – 10:05 am, School RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:45 am, C. Erk Rm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 9 am, MMHall Mktg Mtg – 5:30 pm, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	Confessions – 5 pm Mass – 5:30 pm Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 pm - MMHall
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am K-8 Christmas Program – 6:30 pm, Church
Thursday	No Morning Mass No Adoration Holy Name Christmas Dinner 6 pm, MMHall
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Office Closed
Saturday	Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 18	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9AM The Imitation of Christ – 10 am, MMHall Confirmation – 10:05 am - School CCD – 10:05 am, School RCIA – 10:05 am, Casper Erk Rm Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am

St. Joseph Community Chorus Christmas at the Cathedral with the Fountain City Brass Band

Sunday, December 18 at 3 PM and
Monday, December 19 at 7:30 PM

Cathedral of St. Joseph, 519 N 10th St., St. Joseph, MO

Tickets available at the door or online

at www.stjoechorus.org/tickets

Adults \$22 Seniors \$20 Students and Children Free

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Coram Deo is meeting on **Monday, December 19th**, for ***Mondays on the Bluff!*** Meet at the Cathedral of St. Joseph parish at **6:10pm** for a walking rosary to River Bluff Brewing, where we will enjoy food, drinks, and fellowship! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

The **St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations** will be meeting Wednesday, December 14th following the 6:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. We will be planning our Re-Charter Celebration. Please bring a treat to share. All are invited.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James

Households: 41 Current \$7,750.00

49% of our goal

This year’s goal for our parish is \$15,750.00.

Please make sure you mark St. James in St. Joseph as your parish when you send in your check or donate online.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – *Katherine Miller +*

9:00 a.m. – *Patricia Neumann Clark +*

Third Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8 a.m. – *Legion of Mary Members*

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

5:30 p.m. – *Rosa & John Sanger +*

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. – *For an Increase in Faith, Hope, & Love*

Thursday, December 15

Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – *NO MASS*

Friday, December 16

Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – *Jennifer Cox Johnson +*

Saturday, December 17

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. – *Steve Belz +*

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – *Pro Populo*

9:00 a.m. – *Michael & Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis +*

Third Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Robert Kneib +

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