

**Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday**



Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18;
Isaiah 12:2-6;

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Liturgical Assignments – December 18/19	
Lector	
4:30 p.m.	Monica Purdy
9:00 a.m.	Josh Bachman
Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	Jude Stewart / Grayson Flint
9:00 a.m.	Gavin Weiland / Pax Helsel
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Rosie Kovac / Erin Rocha	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 4/5	
Envelopes	14,924.57
Plate	336.00
Votives	90.05
Repair/Utility Fund	956.000
Misc.	888.00
TOTAL	\$17,194.62
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the **Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Fund.**

Congratulations to **Gianna Therese Mabury**, daughter of Quentin and Grace Mabury, who was baptized here on NOV 14th, and to **Therese Joan Martin**, daughter of Nicholas and Juliana Martin, who was baptized here last weekend.

Happy Birthday to Father Davis – DEC 12th.

The Sunday 7 am Mass Will Continue

Father Totton has made the decision to officially add the 7 am Mass to our regular Sunday schedule.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Servers are needed for 4:30 Christmas Eve and 10 am on Christmas morning.

We also need a lector for the 10 am Christmas morning Mass.

Please call the parish office if you can volunteer.

We will be offering a *Rorate Caeli* Mass at St. James at **6am on Saturday, December 18**. This is a Traditional Latin Mass.

The *Rorate Caeli* Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. In many instances families and individuals travel an hour or more, rising and arriving very early for this stunningly beautiful Mass. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. For more information log on to: fssp.com/rorate-caeli-masses/

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. James Parish Epiphany Party

SAT, JAN 1st after the 4:30 Mass

More information to come!

The Altar Society Christmas Dinner

MMHall, Thursday, DEC 16th

Social time at 6 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm

Meat provided, please bring a side dish

Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner

6 pm, Casper Erk Rm – Friday, December 17th

Christmas Memorials - \$15.

Deadline is Wednesday,

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.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES	
Sunday, December 12	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Holy Name Sunday Mass at 9 am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm CCD/Confirmation – 10:15 am, School Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:30 am, C. Erk Rm Preschool Christmas Program – 6 pm, MMHall
Tuesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Holy Hour/Confessions - 6 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Altar Society Christmas Dinner-MMHall
Thursday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Parish Office Closed Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner – Casper Erk Rm
Saturday	Men’s Group – 5:45 am, MMHall Rorate Mass – 6 am Requiem Mass – 9 am Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 19	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9 am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm CCD/Confirmation – 10:15 am, School Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am

Christmas Gifts for Birthright of St. Joseph
Birthright’s focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone. There is a box in the back of church where donations can be dropped off before December 21.
Suggested donations: money/gift cards, bottles, lotion, baby wash, burp cloths, outfits or sleepers (0 to 3 months), any clothes up to size 2T, diaper rash cream.

The Vatican II Documents

6 Week Study starting WED evenings, JAN 5

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update for St. James

22 families - \$5,610.00

36% of our \$15,750.00 goal

“It is best to learn to silence the faculties and to cause them to be still so that God may speak.”

St. John of the Cross – Feast Day, DEC 14

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent 7:00 a.m. – Paul Primus + 9:00 a.m. – William & Ann Whetsell + Gaudete Sunday 11:30 a.m. (Latin) <i>Pro Populo</i>	
Monday, December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr 8 a.m. – Jennifer Cox Johnson +	
Tuesday, December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8 a.m. – Stefan Rajca +	
Wednesday, December 15 Advent Weekday 8 a.m. – Bob Betts +	
Thursday, December 16 Advent Weekday 8 a.m. – Annabelle Grady +	
Friday, December 17 Late Advent Weekday 8 a.m. – John & Donna Bode	
Saturday, December 18 Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m. – Steve Belz +	
Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 7:00 a.m. – Kristin Hughes + 9:00 a.m. – Michael & Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis + Fourth Sunday of Advent 11:30 a.m. (Latin) <i>Pro Populo</i>	

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