

St. James Vocation Ministry Team

If you would like to be a part of our Vocation Ministry Team to promote and raise awareness for the need of vocations to the priesthood and religious life at St. James, please contact Fr. Davis or the parish office!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR
THIS WEEK**

Saturday, December 13:

*Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

4:30PM - † Dallas Hunt

Sunday, December 14:

9:00AM - For the People

12:45PM - Souls away from the Catholic Faith

Monday, December 15

8:00AM - † Delores Betts-Karr

Wednesday, December 17:

8:00AM - † Mary Janorschke

Thursday, December 18:

8:00AM - † Mary Janorschke

Friday, December 19:

8:00AM - † Delores Betts-Karr

Saturday, December 20:

4:30PM - † Steven Belz

Sunday, December 21:

9:00AM - Souls Away from the Catholic Faith

12:45PM - † Russ Mycak

Today's altar flowers are in
memory of Mary Janorschke

If you would like to provide altar
flowers one week on behalf of your
family or in memory of a loved one
or event, please text or call Kelly

574-276-9378

If you become hospitalized, please
contact the parish office.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK &
HOMEBOUND**

Gina Smith Justine Schroff
Joseph Thiltges Joyce Thomas
Dianne Pulley Vanessa Dozier
Judith Reed Shirley Fuson
Josie Gilbert
Steve Steiner
Richard Coleman
Melissa Riches
Patricia Saulan
Henry Saulan
Denice Weinmann
Ron McDaniels

**Welcome to Saint James Catholic
Church!** You may register at the parish
office or email
office@saintjamescatholic.church

Saint James Knights of Columbus
Will be collecting funds for the
FISHLESS FISH FRY this
weekend. All proceeds will help
support the Catholic education at
Saint James and Bishop LeBlond
Schools by providing tuition
assistance. Thank you in
advance for your support!

MoScholars

Applications for scholarships are
open! Please visit
brightfuturesfund.org to get
started. Don't miss your
opportunity to apply as the
applications process will close
April 1, 2026 (or after funds are
allocated). For assistance, contact
Chisty at **(816) 714-2338**
or
gruenbaum@diocesekcsj.org

If you would like to order a
Poinsettia to decorate the Church
this Christmas Season in honor of
a loved one, please drop your
Christmas flower offering
envelope in the
collection plate or
scan the QR code
**\$10 PER
POINSETTIA**



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Coram Deo is meeting
on **Monday, December 22,**
for ***Mondays on the Bluff***! Meet
at the Cathedral of St. Joseph for a
walking rosary, followed by pizza
+ drinks at River Bluff Brewing.
All young adults aged 22-35 are
invited to attend. We hope to see
you there! Questions? Please
contact Ally
at allygabler@gmail.com. *Coram*
Deo's Moms' Group is meeting
this **Tuesday, December 16, at**
9:30am. Please reach out to Ally
for address.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00AM

12:45PM

Monday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Thursday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

Confessions

30 Minutes before Mass

*Saturdays at 3:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 8:30AM - 7:00PM

Confessions 6-6:50PM

Serra Club Raffle

We have our winners! 1st Place
\$5,000 Mary Nold, 2nd Place
\$500 Michael and Laura-Curry
Mathews, 3rd Place \$250 Julie
Schiermeyer. Thank you to
everyone who purchased a ticket.
The funds go to promote
vocations and support our priests,
seminarians, and religious. Come
and see what we are all about.
The next meeting is Wednesday,
January 21st at Our Lady of
Guadalupe Church. Prayer begins
at 6:00PM followed by the
Speakers, Little Sisters of the
Lamb, and will close with a short
business meeting ending by
8:00PM. All are welcome to
attend!

Weekly Offerings 11/24-12/07

Collection Plate: \$10,317.81

Mass Intentions &

Memorials \$130.00

Building &

Repair Fund: \$6,065.00

Online Giving: \$1,475.00

TOTAL: \$17,987.81

DEC. TOTAL: \$29,677.86

To give safely and easily, please
visit
saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknot
e.com/give or scan the
QR code to securely
donate from your
phone!



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Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis

This weekend we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday.” The word gaudete is Latin which means to rejoice. This word comes from the first word of the Introit (entrance antiphon) meaning rejoice in Latin. The entrance antiphon is “Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again rejoice. For indeed the Lord is near.” (Phil. 4:4-5) On this Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, the whole church throughout the world rejoices because Christmas is close. On this Sunday the priest uses the color rose. Rose is a liturgical color that signifies joy. We rejoice because the Lord is near. We only have one more Sunday before we celebrate the glorious birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, the day that transformed the entire world. For this reason, today we rejoice that the Lord is very close. On this Sunday we remember how the people before Christ were longing for the Messiah to come. The people who walked in darkness were waiting for the great light to come. They had heard of the prophecies of Isaiah and the other prophets. Let us ask Mary to help us to increase our joy for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We can share her joy, thinking about how she prepared for His Birth.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th 5:30PM and Midnight Mass (English)...confessions at 4:30PM

December 25th 9AM (English)... confessions at 8:30AM

December 31st 4:30PM (English)...confessions at 3:30PM

January 1st 9AM...confessions at 8:30AM

The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word
Offers home visits to families of the parish!
If you would like to schedule a visit with
the Sisters to discuss The Way
methodology of faith formation, please
schedule an appointment at **(816)500-2057**

The Saint Monica Club, founded in 2021
to pray for priests, vocations, and those
away from the Catholic Faith. Join us in
praying the rosary and Litany of the Saints
on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month
from 6:20-6:45PM at St. James Church.

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(OCIA)**

Interested 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 Legion of Mary
is for the welfare of the one holy
Catholic and Apostolic Church, doing
every form of social service and Catholic
action with the guidance of the parish
priest. Join our meetings on
Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk
Room!

MIR HOUSE - Adorerer needed!

Create a ‘We Adore Him’ account to sign
up for hours, receive reminders for your
holy hour, and receive updates by

scanning the QR code or by visiting:
[mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/
signup](http://mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup)



Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For the
relief, consolation, and recovery of
all those impacted in Jamaica,
Haiti, Cuba, and the Philippines
by the recent hurricane and
typhoon.

Holy Father: Let us pray that
Christians living in areas of war
or conflict, especially in the
Middle East, might be seeds of
peace, reconciliation, and hope.

This week's 2nd collection is the
Retirement Fund for Religious.
This fund helps elderly clergy
who have spent their lives in
service. Your generosity ensures
they can age with dignity.