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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

St. James Vocation Ministry Team

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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



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**\$10 PER
POINSETTIA**

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 saintjamescatholicchurch3.flocknote.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.

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.

