

DECEMBER 15, 2024



**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 this day. 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!

**Altar flowers** this week are provided by Roman Janorschke in loving memory of his wife, Mary.

**Correction:** Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: [frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church](mailto:frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church). Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin.

**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!

**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 PLATES: \$18,507.00  
MASS INTENTIONS/ MEMORIALS: \$0.00  
MAINTENANCE: \$0.00  
TOTAL: \$18,507.00  
DECEMBER TOTAL: \$30,328.14.00

**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 23**, 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 Gabler at [allygabler@gmail.com](mailto:allygabler@gmail.com).

**BOOKKEEPER** position available! We are seeking an experienced bookkeeper who will work under the supervision of the pastor and will be responsible for handling the details of the parish's budget, financial transactions, keeping accurate records, and ensuring all payments are processed. A part-time position working 20-24 hours per week. If interested, view the full job description at [kcsj catholic.org/start/job-openings/](https://kcsj catholic.org/start/job-openings/) and apply!

**Music**

Entrance Antiphon  
Opening: #650-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs 5-6)

Offertory: #601-Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Mystery of Faith: #102-Missa de Angelis

Communion Antiphon

Communion: #827 What Wondrous Love

Marian: #423 Alma, Redemptoris Mater

Closing: #699-On Jordan's Bank

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM  
Monday: 8:00AM (St. James)  
Wednesday: 8:00AM  
Friday: 8:00AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:30PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM  
Monday: 7:30AM & 5:30PM  
Wednesday: 7:30AM  
Friday: 7:30AM

(Confessions are 30 minutes prior to Mass unless otherwise specified)

**EUHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 8:30AM - 6:00PM  
\*Confessions : 5:30PM - 6:00PM

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

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

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 14:**

\*Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

4:30PM - Mildred Zuptich †

**Sunday, December 15:**

9:00AM - Bill & Ann Whetsell †

11:15AM - Betty Crawford †

**Monday, December 16:**

8:00AM - Patricia Evans †

**Wednesday, December 18:**

8:00AM - Jennifer Dannevik

**Friday, December 20:**

8:00AM - Betty Crawford †

**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 †

*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. 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.



**VOCATION MINISTRY** starting at St. James. For those who are not aware, there is a serious shortage of priests in the Church at large and in the diocese in particular. We are starting a Vocation Ministry to address this crisis. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.

Would you like to know more about the Bible and Faith? The Missionary Servants of the Word are offering Biblical study courses on the History of Salvation!

**WEDNESDAYS:** 10AM & 5PM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center.

**FRIDAYS:** 3PM in the Carden Room of Saint Patrick (Church basement).

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](http://www.stjoecatholicacademy.com/feasibility-study). The survey should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete.



We are now be using Flocknote, a new parish-wide communication and online giving platform to stay in touch with our parishioners! It is very user-friendly and it's a great way to stay informed of Church happenings!

To begin, follow the instructions to the right. To go directly to our online giving page, follow this link or scan the QR code! <https://saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give/29460>



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