

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday
Of Advent



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:46-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-28


“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Liturgical Assignments – Dec. 23/24 – 4 th Sunday of Advent	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Monica Purdy
9:00 a.m.	Latin
	Altar Servers
4:30 p.m.	Josh Green / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	Latin
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Mary Jo Marek / Carol Hunt	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 9/10	
Envelopes	10,540.57
Plate	575.67
Votives	70.51
Repair/Utility Fund	500.00
Religious Retirement	Not in budget 1,281.21
Miscellaneous	562.00
TOTAL	12,248.75
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the repair/utility fund.



MOScholars
Missouri's K-12 Scholarship Program


Did you know you can direct up to **HALF** of your annual state income **taxes** to be used for **scholarships** for children to attend Catholic schools - **all at NO COST** to you?

Step 1

GO TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND WEBSITE

<https://www.brightfuturesfund.org>

Click "Reserve Your Tax Credits Here"



Step 2

ESTIMATE YOUR TAX LIABILITY

based on what you paid last year

Fill out all fields for the MOScholars Tax Credit Reservation System.

Step 3

CHOOSE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

Select Bright Futures Fund from the EAO-Educational Assistance Organization drop down menu.

Step 4

RESERVE YOUR TAX CREDIT AMOUNT BY DECEMBER 31, 2023

You will receive an email from the MO State Treasurer's office. Print and save your confirmation number.

You will receive a 100% tax credit for 50% of your tax obligation.

Step 5


WRITE A CHECK TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

Write a check to the **Bright Futures Fund** for the amount of tax credits reserved. Mail your check by **December 31** to:

Bright Futures Fund
P.O. Box 419037
Kansas City, MO 64141

After verification from the state, you will receive an email receipt. Include the receipt and a MO-TC form with your state income tax filing.
(For the current MO-TC form, visit the Bright Futures Fund website OR search MO-TC at: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/>)

- Reserved tax credits are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability.
- Tax credits may be carried forward for four additional tax years.
- Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be sold.



Faith in Learning

Diocese of KC-St. Joseph
816-756-1850

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples

WEEKEND FOR COUPLES - JANUARY 26-28

MATRIMONY: A CALLING TO FORGIVE!

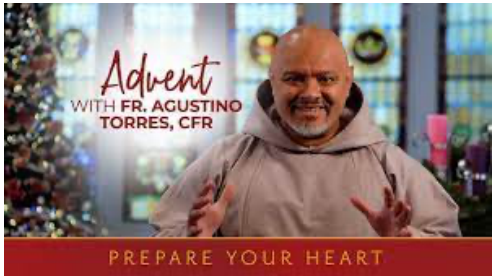
Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

HelpOurMarriage.org or 816-679-4365

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, December 17	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am RCIA – 10:00 am, Casper Erk Rm CCD – 10:00 am, Family Day, MMHall Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Legion of Mary – 9:00 a.m., C. Erk Rm
Thursday	Parish Office Closes at 11:00am Altar Server Training – 6:00pm
Friday	Parish Office Closed
Saturday	5:45 Men’s Group – 6 am, MMHall Confessions – 3:45 p.m. Mass – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 24	9:00 am Mass – Latin, 4 th Sunday of Advent 4:30 pm Mass, Christmas Vigil

FORMED – The Catholic Faith. On Demand.



Prepare Your Heart – Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR

Join Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR—founder of Corazón Puro—on a multimedia Advent journey led by the saints and the Holy Family to prepare yourself to enter into the story of Christ’s birth through prayer, charity, and joyful acts of service to the needy. During each week of Advent, you will embark on a new path informed by Franciscan spirituality to guide you to becoming closer to God: Week One, the way of Nazareth: a spirituality that attunes you to the needs of others and the hidden presence of God. Week Two, the way of the saints: featuring Sts. Lucy, Nicholas, Juan Diego, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast days fall during Advent; they will teach you to live with intentionality, humility, and devotion. Week Three, the way of St. Joseph: revealing the creative courage of Jesus’s foster father, teaching you how he makes a home for each of us in the heart of God. Week Four, the way of Mary: a tutorial in learning how to say yes to God’s call for your life and trusting in his loving providence.

To Sign up for Free: visit signup.formed.org

Enter our parish zip code: 64504



*Sacred Host, sign and cause of the
unity of the Church,
Have mercy on us.*

MIR House of Prayer Needs Adorers

Saturday: 2 & 4 am, Sunday 9 am

Tuesday 11 pm, Thursday 1 pm

Contact Rose Korte or the parish office.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update for St. James

28 households, \$6,768.00 / 32% of our \$20,853.00 goal.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. – *Steve Belz +*

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Third Sunday of Advent

12:30 p.m. – Latin

Pro Populo

Monday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – *Steve Smith*

Tuesday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Thursday, December 21

St. Peter Cansius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Friday, December 22

Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Saturday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. – *Mildred Zuptich +*

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. – Latin

Patricia Neumann Clark +

The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)

4:30 p.m. – *Esperanza Martinez, Jesse, John, & Larry Chavez +*

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. – Latin

Pro Populo

9:30 a.m. – *Laudy & Genny Przybylski +*

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