

DECEMBER 1, 2024



*Altar Flowers*

If you'd like to provide altar flowers to honor a loved one, please contact the parish office.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Meets on the 1st Monday of every month @ 7PM in the Casper Erk Room.

*Legion of Mary*

Meets on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room. Please join us to learn about our mission!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement).

**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. Thank you!

**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!

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:** 10AM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center & 3PM in the Carden Room of Saint Patrick (Church basement).

*Mir House*

**HOUSE OF PRAYER**

6492 NE Hwy 6, Saint Joseph, MO

If you'd like to volunteer as an adorner, please contact the parish office.

**Lectors:**

4:30PM Susan Pryzbylski

9AM: Mike Aberer

**Servers:**

4:30: Jack Short/Volunteer

9AM: Evan & Patrick Wohletz

*Offerings:*

ENVELOPES/COLLECTION PLATE \$7037.77  
MASS INTENTIONS/ MEMORIALS: \$905.14  
MAINTENANCE \$400.00  
**Thank you!**  
TOTAL: \$8,342.91  
-NOVEMBER TOTAL: \$26,850.64

Serrans and their spouses will gather on December 10<sup>th</sup> for their annual Christmas party at Mir House of Prayer for Benediction. We will then adjourn to Deacon Nash's home for our social gathering and preparation of Christmas gift bags for our 19 seminarians to be given to them at their annual Christmas Party on December 19th at St. Thomas Moore Parish in Kansas City. We will resume our Serran monthly meetings in January. Happy Holidays!

Springtime Pilgrimage! to **Italy!** March 25<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

A very special Lenten experience during the Jubilee Year! Includes Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni, Montecassino, and Rome! It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! Extension to Medjugorje available. Please contact Mark Wyble at (816) 233-8427 or [religiousramblers@gmail.com](mailto:religiousramblers@gmail.com)

Join us in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement) every 2nd Sunday of the month after 9AM Mass for fellowship with coffee and donuts provided by the Holy Name Society!

*Altar Society*

Stay up-to-date with the Altar Society's activities and events on Flocknote! Just text ALTARSOCIETY6450 to 84576

**BOOKKEEPER POSITION:** 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 payments are processed. This is a part-time position working 20-24 hours per week. If you or someone you know would be a good candidate, view the full job description at [kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/](https://kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/) and apply!

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!

*Music*

Entrance Antiphon

Opening: #650 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gloria: #106 Missa de Angelis

Offertory: #491 Creator of the Stars of Night

Mystery of Faith: #102 Missa de Angelis

Communion Antiphon

Communion: #667 O living Bread from Heaven

Marian: #748 Sing of Mary

Closing: #712 People, Look East

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3<sup>rd</sup> 12-4:2; Lk 21:25, 34-36 (3)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM

Monday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 8:00AM

Friday: 8:00AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30PM

Sunday: 8:30AM and 10:45AM

Monday: 7:30AM

Wednesday: 7:30AM

Friday: 7:30AM

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: 8:30AM - 7:00PM

\*Confessions: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Gina Smith

Joseph Thiltges

Eugene Miller †

Shirley Miller

Josie Gilbert

Steve Steiner

Richard Coleman

Melissa Riches

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday, November 30:

4:30PM - Bob Betts †

Sunday, December 1:

9:00AM - Patricia Evans †

11:15AM - Betty Crawford †

Monday, December 2:

8:00AM - Mary Janorschke †

Wednesday, December 4:

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

8:00AM - Deceased Members of the Hollowell Family †

Friday, December 6:

\*Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00AM - Erma Ritchie †

Saturday, December 7:

\*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30PM - Dallas Hunt †

Sunday, December 8:

9:00AM - Robert Kneib †

11:15AM - Betty Crawford †

*Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis*

This Sunday we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. The word Advent means "coming." Many of us are busy making preparations for Christmas celebrations but let us remember to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah. We do this especially through prayer, meditation on sacred scripture, confession, and Eucharistic adoration. We are called to turn towards our Lord, awaiting His final coming. This is why Catholic Churches from ancient times, were built facing the East, to help people think about the return of Christ. Churches were built in this direction to remind people that at the end of time Jesus will appear to all the world in the sky appearing to return from the East, like the rising sun, according to His words, like lightning coming from the East to the West (Matthew 24:27). For thousands of years people faced the East together at Mass in prayerful anticipation of the return of the Messiah. This is called *ad orientem* worship, toward the east. Some Catholic churches could not be built towards the East but still the people would pray in the same direction together. In our church we actually face the west, but together the priest with the people face the crucifix and face towards the tabernacle. By celebrating Mass this way, we are facing a liturgical East remembering that we are on this journey together to encounter Christ and wait for his return Who will return like the rising morning sun to all the peoples of the earth. So the priest is not turning his back to the people, but he is one with the people walking in the same direction towards Christ, and looking forward to His return. Jesus is the light of the world and He is called the Sun of Justice. His birth brought light to the world, like the sun rising in the morning from the East. This is what Advent is about. We prepare for the coming of Christ at the end of time while remembering and spiritually preparing for his coming on Christmas. Let us spend this time with Mary, the mother of Christ, meditating on how the joy in her heart increased each day during this month until the birth of her son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. Mother Mary, guide us during this advent to your Son.



"...Father, bless this Advent wreath and bless all of us. Fill us with your Spirit and the spirit of Hope so that we may be strengthened in our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ, our Lord..." Amen.

**Introducing Flocknote to Saint James!**

We will 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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