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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 20:
4:30PM - † Steven Belz
Sunday, December 21:
9:00AM - Souls Away from the Catholic Faith
12:45PM - † Russ Mycak
Monday, December 22:
8:00AM - † Mildred Zuptich
Wednesday, December 24:
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30PM - † Esparanza Martinez, † Jesse Chavez Sr., † Jesse Chavez Jr., † John Chavez, † Larry Chavez, Sr., and † Larry Chavez, Jr.
12:00AM - † Patricia Neumann Clark

Thursday, December 25:
THE NATIVITY of the LORD (CHRISTMAS)

9:00AM - † Casey Piatkowski

Friday, December 26:

*Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

8:00AM - † Russell Mycak

Saturday, December 27:

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

4:30PM - For the People

Sunday, December 28:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00AM - † Eugene Miller

12:45PM - All Souls in Purgatory



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 Ezra Penney
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

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
KANSAS CITY ST. JOSEPH
TO SERVE & TO LIFT



Support pregnant moms, reduce your state tax by 70%!

Contact Deanna Ricker at DRicker@CCharities.com or 816.398.6894



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 22** 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. *Coram Deo's Moms' Group* is meeting this **Tuesday, December 23**, at 9:30am. Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

When changing mailing address, phone number, email address, or leaving the parish. Please notify the parish office.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00AM
12:45PM

Monday: 8:00AM

Christmas Eve Wednesday:

5:30PM

12:00AM (Midnight)

Christmas Day Thursday:

9:00AM

Friday:

8:00AM

Confessions

30 Minutes before Mass

*Saturdays at 3:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 8:30AM - 7:00PM

Confessions 6-6:50PM

Dec. 27

Lector: Monica Purdy

MC: Jack Short

Acolyte 1: Asher Burchett

Acolyte 2: Connor Pearce

Thurifer:

Dec. 28

Lector: Mike Aberer

MC: Matthew Cline

Acolyte 1: Evan Wohletz

Acolyte 2: Patrick Wohletz

Thurifer: Charlie Bartulica

Weekly Offerings 12/08-12/14

Collection Plate: \$8,414.01

Mass Intentions & Memorials \$170.00

Building & Repair Fund: \$959.00

Online Giving: \$2,362.00

TOTAL: \$11,905.01

DEC. TOTAL: \$41,582.87

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Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis

As we prepare to rejoice in our Savior's birth, let us remember to keep our Christmas lights and decorations up throughout the Christmas season. You are free to keep your decorations up until February 2nd, when we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, to proclaim to the world, that the Light has come. Christmas doesn't end on December 25th, it begins! Pope Leo the Great (400-461 A.D.) said in a homily on Christmas Day:

"Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing."

The Eternal Light was made Incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary so man could look on the Face of God. As the Apostle John writes, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life: For the life was manifested; and we have seen and do bear witness, and declare unto you the life eternal, which was with the Father, and hath appeared to us: That which we have seen and have heard, we declare unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us, and our fellowship may be with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you, that you may rejoice, and your joy may be full" (1 John 1:1-4). Let us rejoice in our Savior's birth. May you have a Blessed Christmas! Know of my prayers for all of you.



"...Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel..."

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 - Adoreres 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



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.

"...Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit..."