

St. James Vocation Ministry Team

If you would like to be a part of our Vocation Ministry Team to promote and raise awareness for the need of vocations to the priesthood and religious life at St. James, please contact Fr. Davis or the parish office!

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	

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](tel:8167142338)
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 Ricke at
DRicke@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

Thurifier:

Dec. 28

Lector: Mike Aberer

MC: Matthew Cline

Acolyte 1: Evan Wohletz

Acolyte 2: Patrick Wohletz

Thurifier: 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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e.com/give](http://saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknot.com/give) or scan the
QR code to securely
donate from your
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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](tel:8165002057)

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](http://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..."