

December 24, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fourth Sunday of Advent /
Nativity of the Lord**



Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-16; Psalm 89:2-29
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:28-42

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

| Liturgical Assignments – Dec. 30/31 | |
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| Lector | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Susan Przybylski |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mike Chappell |
| Altar Servers | |
| 4:30 p.m. | Jack Short / Volunteer Needed |
| 9:00 a.m. | Peter & Charlie Bartulica |
| Weekday | School Servers |
| Money Counters | |
| Mike Lynch / Sharon Lynch | |
| Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 16/17 | |
| Envelopes | 8,229.57 |
| Plate | 559.50 |
| Votives | 54.00 |
| Repair/Utility Fund | 414.80 |
| Miscellaneous | 630.00 |
| TOTAL | 9,887.87 |
| Average Weekly Offertory Needed | \$14,360.00 |

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

Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room- Bible Study

As we come together in celebration of the Son of God being born to the Virgin Mother, have you ever asked yourself why? Why did God become man? What happened to cause such an event? Was it foretold, and if so, how? Join us this January as we journey through Salvation History and see these questions, and more, unravel before us.

Starting Wednesday, January 16, at 2:00pm in the Casper Erk Room, Matthew Cline and Kelly Bachman will guide us through Salvation History in a narrative overview of the Bible.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

www.saintjamescatholic.church

Donors have the option to cover the fees (by clicking the box “cover fees”). Also, please note that fees for “credit card” are significantly higher than using “bank account”.

ANOTHER OPTION

Many parishioners have their banks set up to mail us their donations. This is an easy process. Call your bank with any questions.



Remember Your Parish this Christmas

St. James Parish greatly relies on your generous Christmas offering. Thank you and God bless you!

God Is Retreat at St. James – Saturday, February 17th

This retreat is open to all parishioners. Parents of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates are required to attend. More information coming soon.

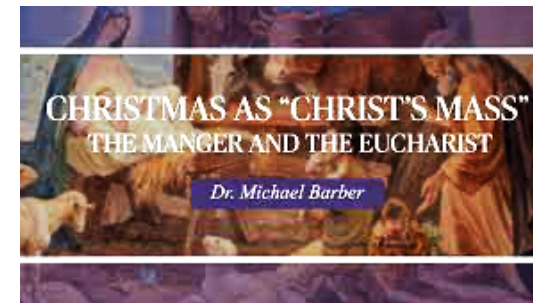
The St. Joseph Serra Club would like to thank everyone who participated in our raffle. The \$5,000.00 winner is Charles Schurke. The \$500.00 winner is Bob Hausman. The \$250.00 winner is Holy Savior Catholic Church in Wichita, Kansas. All proceeds help with promoting vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



*Sacred Host, adored by countless angels,
Have mercy on us.*

| THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES | |
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| Sunday, December 24 | 9:00 am Mass – Latin, 4 th Sunday of Advent Brunch after Mass - MMHall 4:30 pm Mass, Christmas Vigil |
| Monday | Merry Christmas! 8:00 a.m. Latin Mass 9:30 a.m. English Mass |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | Legion of Mary – 9:00 a.m., C. Erk Rm Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | |
| 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 31 | Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass |

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The Manger and the Eucharist
By Dr. Michael Barber**

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**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

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 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 +

Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, Martyr

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

NO MASS

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

NO MASS

Friday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

NO MASS

Saturday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 p.m. – Ed Fry +

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m. – Charles & Mary Hanway +

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas

12:30 p.m. - Latin

Pro Populo

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