

December 25, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Nativity of the Lord



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...” John 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Liturgical Assignments – DEC 31 / JAN 1	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Bernie Stevenson
7:00 a.m.	Chris Williams
9:00 a.m.	Nancy Vanover
	Altar Servers
4:30 p.m.	Jude Stewart / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	Aaden Pearce / Pax Helsen
Weekday	Volunteers are welcome
Money Counters	
	Rosie Kovac / Erin Rocha
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 17/18	
Envelopes	6,522.57
Plate	384.56
Votives	33.25
Repair/Utility Fund	540.00
Miscellaneous	565.00
TOTAL	8,045.38
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

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

January 1, **The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** is on a Sunday. We will have the regular weekend Mass schedule on DEC 31 and JAN 1.

NOTE: CCD, RCIA and Confirmation Classes will take a Christmas break and will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

ONLINE GIVING NOW 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. James Parish Epiphany Party
 SAT, JAN 7th after the 4:30 Mass
 Don't pack up the tree and mistletoe on Christmas Day - the fun has just begun! Come celebrate the season of Christmas and the Feast of the Epiphany with merriment, karaoke, and your parish family! Please bring your favorite casserole to share. Drinks, dessert, and salad will be provided. Saturday, January 7th, 5:30pm. Msgr. Moriarty Hall (church basement).



Ad Space is Available on the Back of our Bulletin!

Call J.L. Robertson at 816-238-1797 for more information.



Remember Your Parish this Christmas

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

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES	
Sunday, December 25	Merry Christmas Candlelight Mass at Midnight (Latin) Mass at 10 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Office Closed Legion of Mary – 8:45 am, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	No Confessions / No Mass Office Hours – 9 am to 2 pm Mass – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Thursday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Office Closed
Saturday	Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday, January 1	Happy New Year! No Coffee and Donuts after 9 am Mass

Post Communion Prayer

O Eternal Word, speak to my soul, which adores Thee in profound silence; Thou Who are the great Creator of all things, abandon not, I beseech Thee, Thine own creature. Be Thou my life, my light, and my all.

O Light eternal, enlighten me as to this present life, and in the life to come.

Reign in me as in thine own inheritance; for Thou, O Lord, hast made me; Thou hast redeemed me. May I ever be Thine!

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 **Friday, January 6th**, for **First Fridays!** Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at **6:10pm** for Adoration + Reconciliation, followed by Mass at 7pm. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at allygabler@gmail.com.

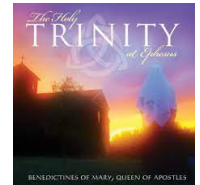
The MO Scholars K-12 Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to new families wishing to send their children to Catholic schools.

Incoming kindergarten and first graders who meet the income threshold or students that have an IEP are eligible to receive scholarships. Families with children in other grades must have been enrolled in a public or charter school.

If you would like to learn more about scholarship opportunities and donor tax credit benefits, visit <http://www.brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars.html>.

New CD Available

The Benedictines of Mary in Gower have a new CD, “The Holy Trinity at Ephesus”. These are available in the parish office for \$15.



Annual Catholic Appeal Update for St. James

Households: 44 Current \$8,025.00

51% of our goal

This year's goal for our parish is \$15,750.00.

Please make sure you mark St. James in St. Joseph as your parish when you send in your check or donate online.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday, December 25	
The Nativity of the Lord	
Midnight (Latin) – <i>Pro Populo</i> 10:00 a.m. – <i>Laudy & Genny Przybylski +</i>	
Monday, December 26	
St. Stephen, The First Martyr	
8 a.m. – <i>Katherine Miller +</i>	
Tuesday, December 27	
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	
5:30 p.m. – NO MASS	
Wednesday, December 28	
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
8 a.m. – <i>For Our Government</i>	
Thursday, December 29	
St. Thomas Beckett, Bishop and Martyr	
8 a.m. – <i>Jennifer Cox Johnson +</i>	
Friday, December 30	
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
8 a.m. – <i>Philip & Mildred Zuptich +</i>	
Saturday, December 31	
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	
4:30 p.m. – <i>Donna Daugherty +</i>	
Sunday, January 1	
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	
7:00 a.m. – <i>Charles & Mary Hanway +</i> 9:00 a.m. – <i>Daniel Ramirez +</i>	
The Circumcision of Our Lord	
11:30 a.m. – Latin <i>Pro Populo</i>	

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