

The Nativity of Our Lord
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Scripture Readings: Sirach 3:2-14;
 Psalm 128:1-11;
 Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1)
 During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Liturgical Assignments – January 1/2	
Lector	
4:30 p.m.	Bernie Stevenson
9:00 a.m.	Chris Roberts
Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	Jack Short / Ellis Abels
9:00 a.m.	Austin & Teddy Barnes
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Rhonda Christie / Nancy Teschner	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 18/19	
Envelopes	10,646.57
Plate	454.00
Votives	27.50
Repair/Utility Fund	565.25
Misc.	555.00
TOTAL	\$12,248.32
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Merry Christmas! St. James Parish welcomes visitors worshipping with us this Christmas – we’d love to see you more often. If you have been attending Mass at St. James, why not take a moment to make it official and register to the parish? Simply fill out a registration form found in the back of church or call the parish office at 816-238-0853.

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

The Sunday 7 am Mass Will Continue
 Father Totton has made the decision to officially add the 7 am Mass to our regular Sunday schedule.

There will be NO 4:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, Christmas Day.

Mass times for Sunday, DEC 26 are 7 am, 9 am, and 11:30 am (Latin).
 To meet your Holy Day and Sunday obligation, you must attend separate Masses – no “two for one” this weekend.

This year, Saturday, January 1st is not a holy day of obligation, but there will be a Latin Mass celebrated that morning at 10 am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. James Parish Epiphany Party

SAT, JAN 1st 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 1st, 5:30pm. Msgr. Moriarty Hall (church basement).



Memorial Bench for Father Sturm
 St. James Parish and our Legion of Mary are collecting donations for a Memorial Bench for our beloved and missed Father Sturm. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Debbie Strahm at 816-244-0745.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES	
Sunday, December 26	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9 am Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:30 am, C. Erk Rm Parish Office Closed
Tuesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Holy Hour/Confessions - 6 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Thursday	Confessions – 7:30 am
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am Parish Office Closed
Saturday	Happy New Year! Latin Mass at 10 am Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm Parish Epiphany Party - MMHall
Sunday, January 2	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9 am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm Altar Society Sunday Monthly meeting after 9 am Mass Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am



St. James Parish Relies on Your Generous Christmas Offering.

This is the time of year when God gave Himself as a gift to us all in the person of Jesus Christ. In this Holy Season, please remember that your sacrificial gift supports the needs of our parish and school throughout the year. Thank you and God bless you!

The Vatican II Documents
 6 Week Study starting WED evenings, JAN 5
 We have heard the debates for almost 60 years, but few have actually read the documents themselves. Why read the documents of Vatican II? Because each of those 16 documents are part of the Magisterium of the Church, this beautiful Church that guides us in our Faith. This won’t be a deep academic study, but it will certainly give you the tools and thirst to go deeper, as we discover the gift of JOY that the Holy Spirit has given us in Vatican II.

“God walks into your soul with silent step. God comes to you more than you go to Him. Never will his coming be what you expect, and yet never will it disappoint. The more you respond to his gentle pressure, the greater will be your freedom.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Sunday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 7:00 a.m. – Charles & Mary Hanway + 9:00 a.m. – Chance Kelley + Sunday within the Octave of Christmas 11:30 a.m. (Latin) Pro Populo	
Monday, December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 8 a.m. – Sarah Korte Murray	
Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8 a.m. – Lori Redmond +	
Wednesday, December 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord 8 a.m. – Richard Beaver +	
Thursday, December 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8 a.m. – Virginia Girard +	
Friday, December 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8 a.m. – Pat Rocha +	
Saturday, January 1 Circumcision of Our Lord 10 a.m. – (Latin) Bishop James Johnston Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m. – Shirley Cox +	
Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of Our Lord 7:00 a.m. – Margaret Burbach + 9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo Holy Name of Jesus 11:30 a.m. (Latin) Robert Kneib +	

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