

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 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

Monday, December 29:

\*Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

8:00AM - Souls away from the

Catholic Faith

Wednesday, December 31:

\*Saint Sylvester I, Pope

4:30PM - Bryan Tylicki & Family

Thursday, January 1:

\*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00AM - Bryan Tylicki & Family

Friday, January 2:

\*Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00AM - Murray & Korte Families, living and deceased

Saturday, January 3:

\*The Most Holy Name of Jesus

4:30PM - †Charles & Mary Hanway

Sunday, January 4:

\*The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00AM - Souls away from the Catholic Faith

12:45PM - †Christina Bartlow

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

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**Welcome to Saint James Catholic**

Church! You may register at the parish office or email [office@saintjamescatholic.church](mailto:office@saintjamescatholic.church)

Jan. 3

Lector: Susan Przybylski

MC: Josh Green

Acolyte 1: Brian Daugherty

Acolyte 2: Ben Allison

Thurifer:

Jan. 4

Lector: Denise Mereness

MC: Matthew Aberer

Acolyte 1: Evan Wohletz

Acolyte 2: Charlie Bartulica

Thurifer: Peter Bartulica

**This Christmas, support**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
KANSAS CITY ST. JOSEPH

in Union Station

until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



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

St. Francis Xavier is seeking an Administrative Assistant who is friendly and organized who will greet visitors, maintain parish records, calendars, and sacramental documentation.

**Qualifications:**

- Strong organization and time management skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication abilities
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and work discretion,

If interested, please contact John Lutz at St. Francis office, (816) 232-8449 or email at [jlutz@sfstjoe.com](mailto:jlutz@sfstjoe.com)

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 9:00AM  
12:45PM

Monday: 8:00AM

Wednesday: 4:30PM

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

*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 2, for First Fridays** 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. *Coram Deo's Moms' Group* is meeting this **Tuesday, December 30, at 9:30am**. Questions? Please contact Ally Gabler at [allygabler@gmail.com](mailto:allygabler@gmail.com).

**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

To give safely and easily, please visit [saintjamescatholicchurch.flocknote.com/give](https://saintjamescatholicchurch.flocknote.com/give) or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone!



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**Thoughts by Father Benjamin Fenlon**

Merry Christmas! This year Christmas fell midweek, which means that we find ourselves with an obligation to go to Mass on Sunday, go to Mass on Christmas, go to Mass on Sunday again, and then go to Mass on New Year's again.

When I was a kid, I remember hearing someone say: 'God only asks you for one hour each week', as in, you should AT LEAST go to Mass on Sundays, it's all you have to do.

I think that is a fundamentally wrong way of living our relationship with God. He is your CREATOR and your REDEEMER. He asks for no less than all of your life, every moment of every day.

So, it's very healthy for our routine and rhythm to be upset by Holy Days of Obligation. We need to snap into action and respond to the call of God to worship Him in His greatest Mysteries.

Even more so, with Christmas and New Years, we have the choice to look at HOW we are living those days. Because if God is the center of my heart and my life, then that will be reflected in how I live the New Year. It's not going to be a drunken party if I fear offending God and enjoy pleasing Him. It's going to be prayerful, innocent – even naïve. Maybe there will be Christmas carols, giving thanks for the graces of the last year...

...And maybe, just maybe, a beautiful New Years resolution to sign up for an hour of Adoration at the MIR house...

The only resolution that you know you would actually keep. Happy New Year!



Mir House of Prayer is in \*\*\*URGENT NEED\*\*\* of regular adorers for the following hours: Monday 12am-1am & 1am-2am. If you are able to claim an hour, please contact Pat Castor or Ellen Johnson at [\(816\)383-0445](tel:(816)383-0445) [\(816\)262-2289](tel:(816)262-2289) or email [mirhouseofprayer@gmail.com](mailto:mirhouseofprayer@gmail.com)

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

December 31<sup>st</sup> 4:30PM (English)...confessions at 3:30PM

January 1<sup>st</sup> 9AM...confessions at 8:30AM, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**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)



**Welcome**

This week we welcome Sister Elizabeth HMSP! She will be serving here at St. James Parish with Sister Catalina.

*"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*