

December 3, 2023

**First Sunday
Of Advent**



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 63:16-64:7; Psalm 80:2-19

1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Mark 13:33-37

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Liturgical Assignments – Dec. 9/10

Lector	
4:30 p.m.	Bernie Stevenson
9:00 a.m.	J.L. Robertson
Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	Gavin Weiland / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	Garrett, Evan, & Patrick Wohletz
Weekday	School Servers

Money Counters

Elizabeth Marek / Justine Hildebrand

Sacrificial Offerings to God – November 25/26

Envelopes	5,646.57
Plate	217.00
Votives	51.50
Repair/Utility Fund	450.00
Miscellaneous	1,400.00
TOTAL	7,765.07
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Next weekend the second collection goes to the **Retirement for Religious Appeal**. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests.

Friday, December 8th is **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. St. James will offer Mass at 6 pm that day. Other Mass times around town can be found on a flyer in the back of church.

Kent Teschner passed away on November 26th. Please pray for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his loved ones.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive Next Weekend
Leave your non-perishables in the back of church.

Altar Society Christmas Dinner – TUE, DEC 5th
Social time at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6pm. Potluck dinner (please bring a covered dish) Drinks and desserts will be furnished.
Also, please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. There will be a basket for donations to the South Side Food kitchen. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend. This event will be held in the MMHall – church basement.

Holy Name Society Christmas Dinner -THU, DEC 14th
6PM in the MMHall. This will be a catered affair. Bring a prospective member.

This weekend, the altar flowers are provided by Mike and Teresa Johnson in memory of deceased parents **Calvin and Lucille and brothers Gregory and Timothy Unzicker**. If you would like to provide altar flowers for any week in honor/memorial of someone or event, please contact Kelly Bachman or the parish office.



Christmas Memorials - \$15.
Deadline is Friday, December 15th. Note: Donations to Christmas memorials go toward the flowers used to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. Remaining donations are put in our operating fund.



Coram Deo is meeting on **Thursday, December 14!** Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at **6:10pm** for Adoration, followed by pizza + the Krug Park Christmas lights display! 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.

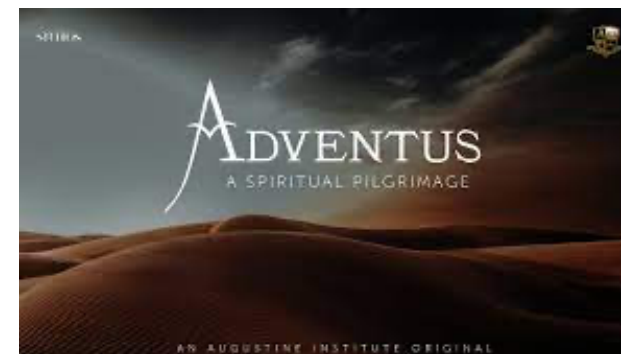


*Jesus, with us always until the end of the world,
Have mercy on us.*

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, December 3	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass RCIA – 10:00 am, Casper Erk Rm CCD – 10:00 am, School Confirmation – 10:00 am, School Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass
Monday	NO MASS Knights of Columbus Mtg. – 7 pm, Erk Rm
Tuesday	Altar Society Christmas Dinner
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Adoration – 9 am to noon Legion of Mary – 9:00 a.m., C. Erk Rm
Thursday	
Friday	Mass at 6 pm Parish Office Closed
Saturday	5:45 Men’s Group – 6 am, MMHall Confessions – 3:45 p.m. Mass – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 10	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass RCIA – 10:00 am, Casper Erk Rm CCD – 10:00 am, School Confirmation – 10:00 am, School Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass

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This special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ’s Birth.

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Enter our parish zip code: 64504**

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update for St. James

24 households, \$6,193.00 / 30% of our \$20,853.00 goal.

Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas

Mt. Olivet Cemetery in St. Joseph is starting a new tradition with a Memorial Christmas Tree. Bring a picture of your loved one and we will make an ornament and place it on our tree. Free will donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go towards our Chapel. Call 816-279-5005 with any questions.

St. James Altar Society is now using Flocknote!

If you would like to join our Altar Society or just receive information about our group and updates on events, please text ALTARSOCIETY6450 to 84576.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2
First Sunday of Advent
4:30 p.m. – *Bettie Kline +*

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. – *Robert Kneib +*
First Sunday of Advent
12:30 p.m. – Latin
Pro Populo

Monday, December 4
St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. – **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 5
Advent Weekday
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 6
St. Nicholas, Bishop
8:00 a.m. – *Wyatt Steidel +*

Thursday, December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
NO MASS

Friday, December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 p.m. – *Elizabeth Thompson +*

Saturday, December 9
Second Sunday of Advent
4:30 p.m. – *Dallas Hunt +*

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. – *Mary Ann Hughes +*
Second Sunday of Advent
12:30 p.m. – Latin
Pro Populo

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