

### St. James Vocation Ministry Team

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 6:

\*Saint Nicholas, Bishop  
4:30PM - † Marilyn Koch

Sunday, December 7:  
9:00AM - † Mike & Frances Hernandez and MaryAnn Ellis  
12:45PM - † Mary Sanger

Monday, December 8:  
\*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00AM - † Delores Betts-Karr

4:30PM - † Deceased members of the Obermier Family

Wednesday, December 10:

\*Our Lady of Loreto  
8:00AM - Murray & Korte Families, living and deceased

Thursday, December 11:

\*Saint Damasus I, Pope  
8:00AM - Murray & Korte Families, living and deceased

Friday, December 12:

\*Our Lady of Guadalupe  
8:00AM - Murray Family, living and deceased

Saturday, December 13:

\*Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
4:30PM - † Dallas Hunt

Sunday, December 14:

9:00AM - For the People  
12:45PM - Souls away from the Catholic Faith

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Gina Smith	Justine Schroff
Joseph Thiltges	Joyce Thomas
Dianne Pulley	Vanessa Dozier
Judith Reed	Shirley Fuson
Josie Gilbert	
Steve Steiner	
Richard Coleman	
Melissa Riches	
Patricia Saulan	
Henry Saulan	
Denice Weinmann	
Ron McDaniels	

#### Prayer Intentions

Bishop Johnston: For the relief, consolation, and recovery of all those impacted in Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba, and the Philippines by the recent hurricane and typhoon.

Holy Father: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

If you would like to order a Poinsettia to decorate the Church this Christmas Season in honor of a loved one, please drop your Christmas flower offering envelope in the collection plate or scan the QR code



#### \$10 PER POINSETTIA

#### MoScholars

Applications for scholarships are open. Please visit [brightfuturesfund.org](http://brightfuturesfund.org) to get started. Don't miss your opportunity to apply as the applications process will close April 1, 2026 (or after funds are allocated). For assistance, contact Chisty at [gruenbaum@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:gruenbaum@diocesekcsj.org) or call **(816) 714-2338**

Altar Society has rescheduled their Christmas party for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in the church basement!

#### Holy Name Society

Is having their Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6PM - 9PM in the Church Basement.

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

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM  
12:45PM  
(Dec. 8) Monday: 8:00AM  
4:30PM

Wednesday: 8:00AM  
Thursday: 8:00AM  
Friday: 8:00AM

#### Confessions

30 Minutes before Mass  
\*Saturdays at 3:30PM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 8:30AM - 7:00PM  
Confessions 6-6:50PM

#### Dec. 13

Lector: Bernie Stevenson  
MC: Jack Short  
Acolyte 1: Josh Green  
Acolyte 2: Connor Pearce  
Thurifer:

#### Dec. 14

Lector: Holy Name Society  
MC: Matthew Aberer  
Acolyte 1: Evan Wohletz  
Acolyte 2: Charlie Bartulica  
Thurifer: Peter Bartulica

#### Weekly Offerings 11/17-11/23

Collection Plate:	\$12,409.50
Mass Intentions &	
Memorials	\$0.00
Building &	
Repair Fund:	\$3,781.00
Online Giving:	\$1,010.00
TOTAL: \$17,200.50	
NOV. TOTAL: \$41,802.73	

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Or scan the QR code to donate from your phone!

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### Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis

Monday December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. On that day, we celebrate that Mary was conceived without original sin. This is important because through her Immaculate Conception, God prepared Mary to be the first tabernacle for Jesus on earth, preserving her from sin. On December 12th we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Through her apparition in 1531 and miraculous image left on St. Juan Diego's tilma, 8-9 million Aztecs converted to Catholicism in just seven years! At the same time on the other side of the world in Europe, because of Martin Luther's break from the Faith, thousands of people were leaving the Catholic Church, but God through the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe, balanced the scales and exceeded the number of Catholics even more! For 2,000 years Mary's role was and continues to be the mission to bring Jesus to us and to bring us to Jesus. In this time of Advent let us follow the call of Saint John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord. Our Lord wants to come into our hearts. We must work to clear our hearts of things that are displeasing to God. Through confession of our sins and by our prayers and works of charity we prepare a Christmas gift for Jesus which is our hearts that we wish to give to the Christ child on Christmas Day.



"...The baby shall play by the cobra's den,  
and the child will lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea..." -Is 11:8-9

Masses for December 8th Holy Day Of Obligation, The Immaculate Conception.

Masses at St. James are 8AM & 4:30 PM; Masses at St. Patrick's are 6:30 PM Bilingual; 8:00 PM English

The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word Offers home visits to families of the parish! If you would like to schedule a visit with the Sisters to discuss The Way methodology of faith formation, please schedule an appointment at **(816)500-2057**

The Saint Monica Club, founded in 2021 to pray for priests, vocations, and those away from the Catholic Faith. Join us in praying the rosary and Litany of the Saints on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 6:20-6:45PM at St. James Church.

#### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Perhaps you've been away from the Church for a while and want to come back to full communion? If this describes you, please email or call the parish office to register.

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

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)



A heartfelt thank you to all who have made their contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet made your offering, you may do so at [kcsjdiocese.org](http://kcsjdiocese.org) or find an envelope in the Church pew.

Next week's 2nd collection is the Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund helps elderly clergy who have spent their lives in service. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity.