

December 8, 2024



Readings: Bar: 5: 1-9; Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6

Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement). We also provide donuts & coffee after 9AM Mass this day. Join us for fellowship!

Mary

Meets on Wednesdays at 9AM in the Casper Erk Room. Please join us to learn about our mission!

Music
Entrance Antiphon
Opening: #650
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 3-4)
Offertory: #485 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Mystery of Faith: #102
Missa de Angelis
Communion Antiphon
Communion: #619 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist
Marian: #423 Alma, Redemptoris Mater
Closing: #553 Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Mir House

House of Prayer
6492 NE Hwy 6, Saint Joseph, MO
If you'd like to volunteer as an adorer, please contact the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM
Sunday: Holy Day of Obligation
6:45AM (St. Patrick)
8:00AM (St. James)
4:00PM (St. Patrick)
6:00PM (St. James, Lat.)
6:30PM (St. Patrick, Spanish with Bilingual Homily)
Wednesday: 8:00AM
Thursday: 1:30PM (St. James)
Friday: 8:00AM

Saturday: 3:30PM
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM
Monday: 7:30AM & 5:30PM
Wednesday: 7:30AM
Friday: **CONFESSIO**
(Confessions are 30 minutes prior to Mass unless otherwise specified)
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday: 8:30AM - 6:00PM
*Confessions: 5:30PM - 6:00PM

Prayers for the Sick & Homebound
Gina Smith
Joseph Thiltges
Shirley Miller
Josie Gilbert
Steve Steiner
Richard Coleman
Melissa Riches



Mass Intentions
December 7:
*Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
4:30PM - Dallas Hunt †
Sunday, December 8:
9:00AM - Robert Kneib †
11:15AM - Raymond Pankau †
Monday, December 9:
*Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception 8:00AM - Patricia Evans †
6:00PM -
Wednesday, December 11:
*Saint Damasus I, Pope
8:00AM - Lorrie Hunt †
Thursday, December 12:
1:30PM -
Friday, December 13:
*Saint Lucy, Virgin
8:00AM - John Pught †
Saturday, December 14:
*Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church.
4:30PM - Mildred Zupitch †
Sunday, December 15:
9:00AM - Bill & Ann Whetsell †
11:15AM - Betty Crawford †

Thoughts by Father Benjamin Fenlon

Advent is a short season, and it does progress rapidly. This week we begin the second of four weeks of Advent, and we should be entering into the spirit of self-renunciation and sacrifice so that we can reach Christmas with pure and holy hearts, ready to joyfully receive our Lord Jesus Christ when he is finally here amongst us that day.

We should be joyful during Advent, joyful because the Lord will appear in our lives anew, very soon. But the joy is subdued by our consciousness of the need to purify our hearts of all stain and remainder of sin, of selfish or egoistic habits.

In the run up to Christmas, our society usually starts celebrating too soon. We are members of the Catholic Church, and we celebrate Christmas from the night of the 24th of December, through to the end of the Christmas season with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord in January.

We should also try to hold off on the feasting until the Christmas season - many people will be having Christmas parties throughout December, especially offices and schools that are usually closed during the days of Christmas itself. These are not days for feasting, but if anything, for fasting! How should you deal with the dilemma of being invited to a Christmas feast out of season? I would encourage you to see how faithfully you are able to observe Advent without mortifying your coworkers, students, friends and family, who love you and just want to celebrate with you.

Maybe some Church groups are happy to move their celebrations to the Christmas Octave, maybe other less Church-ey groups would take offense at your absence.

Just take it one step at a time, with a calm conscience. Any ineludible Christmas parties will not disturb the action of the Holy Ghost within your soul, if you are striving for fidelity elsewhere.

May you have a joyful and very holy Advent!



This year December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, falls on a Sunday, and so it is transferred to Monday December 9th. In the past years when this occurred, Monday was not a Holy Day of Obligation, but this year the Vatican has said that Monday December 9th is now to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule for December 9th is as follows:

- 6:45am St. Patrick
- 8am St. James
- 4pm St. Patrick
- 6pm St. James (Latin)
- 6:30pm St. Patrick Spanish Mass with bilingual homily.

We will now be using Flocknote, a new parish-wide communication and online giving platform to stay in touch with our parishioners! It is very user-friendly and it's a great way to stay informed of Church happenings! To begin, follow the instructions to the right. To go directly to our online giving page, follow this link or scan the QR

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Altar flowers this week are provided by Roman Janorschke in loving memory of his wife, Mary.

Correction: Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church. Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin. Thank you!

Interested (even a tiny bit) in joining the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for the **SUBSIDIARY OF ST. COLUMBUS**? If this describes you, please email or call the parish office to register!

SCRIP CARDS
Did you know Scrip cards are available anytime in the school office for regular shopping, holiday shopping, or as a gift? Stop by to purchase one to your favorite grocery store, restaurant, department store, or online shopping!

Help raise funds for our Offerings:
Envelopes/Collection Plate: \$11,447.00
Mass Intentions/ Memorials: \$30.00
Maintenance: \$344.00

Thank you!
TOTAL: \$ 11,821.00
December Total: \$11,821.00

Will be in the vestibule next weekend (Dec. 14 & 15) and the following weekend (Dec. 21 & 22) to offer envelopes to raise monies for their Catholic Education Fund. All proceeds go toward Saint James and Bishop LeBlond students.

A representative from the **Altar Society** will be in the vestibule for the next **3 weeks** to take orders for Christmas ornaments! Stop by their table to view a model of the beautifully detailed stained glass brass replica of one of 14 stained glass windows.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory/honor of loved one to donate please scan the QR code or visit <https://saintjamescatholicc.hurc3.flocknote.com/give/29896-poinsettias> or leave your envelope in the collection plate! \$10 per memorial



From the family of Marilyn Koch we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to St. James' parishioners and Father Jonathan Davis for all your attention and prayers at the passing of Marilyn. Many thanks to the musicians, servers, and all who participated in the funeral Mass. We also thank the Altar Society for the delicious meal provided for all in attendance. We treasure the sense of community and many details shown in this important moment of our lives. We invoke God's abundant blessings for all!

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 **Thursday, December 12!** Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at **6:10pm** for Adoration, followed by the Krug Park Christmas lights display. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Positions are available! We are seeking an experienced bookkeeper who will work under the supervision of the pastor and will be responsible for handling the details of the parish's budget, financial transactions, keeping accurate records, and ensuring all payments are processed. A part-time position working 20-24 hours per week. If interested, view the full job description at ksjcatholic.org/start/job-openings/ and apply!

The Missionary Servants of the Word are offering Biblical study courses on the History of Salvation!
WEDNESDAYS: 10AM & 5PM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center.
FRIDAYS: 10AM in the Casper Erk Room of Saint James parish center & 3PM in the Carden Room of Saint Patrick (Church basement).


Keep in touch with us!
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