

**JANUARY 12, 2025**



READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 / John 2:1-11

**Music**

Entrance Antiphon  
Opening: #447 Be Thou My Vision  
Gloria: #106 Missa de Angelis  
Offertory: #513 For the Beauty of the Earth  
Mystery of Faith: #102 Missa de Angelis  
Communion Antiphon  
Communion: #667 O Living Bread from Heaven  
Marian: #423 Alma Redemptoris Mater  
Closing: #553 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:15AM  
Monday: 8:00AM  
Wednesday: 8:00AM  
Friday: 8:00AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 3:30PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM & 10:45AM  
Monday: 7:30AM  
Wednesday: 7:30AM  
Friday: 7:30AM

**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 for this Week**

**Saturday, January 11:**  
4:30PM - Robert Pitts, Sr. †  
**Sunday, January 12:**  
\*Baptism of the Lord  
9:00AM - Special Intention  
11:15AM - Sr. Mary Ellen †  
**Monday, January 13:**  
\*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
8:00AM - Brian Lawrence

**Wednesday, January 15:**  
8:00AM - Brian Lawrence

**Friday, January 17:**  
\*Saint Anthony, Abbot  
8:00AM - Fr. Duane Ryan †

**Saturday, January 18:**  
4:30PM - John Pugh †

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**Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Let us be thankful to God for the gift of our Baptism that makes us sons and daughters of God the Father and members of the Church Christ instituted. If you don't know the date of your Baptism, I invite you to look it up and celebrate that day each year, like your Birthday, giving thanks. I would like to share with you an excerpt of a homily by St. Gregory of Nazianzus, bishop, (329-390 A.D.)

"Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptised; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptising when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptiser; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptised by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptised by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptised in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."

The Saint Francis Mr. & Mrs. Club is kicking off 2025 with a Valentine's Day dinner and Music Bingo! All married couples are invited to join us at the St. Francis Parish Hall on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6PM! Please make your reservation at [mrandsstfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:mrandsstfrancis@gmail.com) by February 7th! It's a great way to meet people in our parish and all the parishes in the city, so grab your sweetheart and join us for lasagne, wine, beer, fellowship, and fun! Dress is casual!

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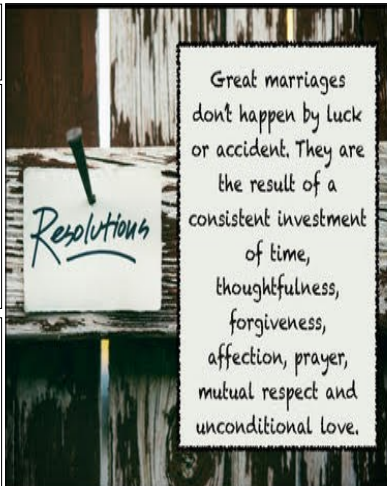
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 8AM in the Monsignor Moriarty Hall (Church basement). Join us for coffee, donuts, & fellowship after 9AM Mass on the 2nd Sundays of each month!

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

**Correction:** Father Davis can be contacted through this email address: [frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church](mailto:frjdavis@saintjamescatholic.church). Please disregard the email address on the cover of this bulletin.



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On the 2nd Sunday of each month, **St. Vincent de Paul** will collect non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. You may drop off your donations in the bins located in the vestibule. Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community.  
**Need: Peanut Butter & Jelly**

**Rachel's Vineyard Presentation | January 14**  
January 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Catholic Church (18601 N US Hwy 169, Smithville)

Learn how Rachel's Vineyard serves those who are hurting and how they can begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For questions, contact Linda Nelson at **816-550-1394**.

Make 2025 the year you resolve to invest in your marriage by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**. For information, or to apply for an experience, visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org), email [greaterKC.wwme@gmail.com](mailto:greaterKC.wwme@gmail.com), scan the QR code or call 816-286-4557.

Upcoming 2025 Dates  
March 7-9th - Carthage, MO  
March 28-30th - Kansas City, KS  
June 13-15th - Kansas City, KS  
August 8-10th - Kansas City, KS



**Offerings:**

ENVELOPES/COLLECTION PLATE: \$5,275.68  
MASS INTENTIONS/MEMORIALS: \$70.00  
MAINTENANCE: \$0.00  
TOTAL: \$5,345.68  
JANUARY TOTAL: \$5,345.68

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Next week we will take up a collection for this mission which supports efforts in meeting faith formation and sacramental needs in communities across the country. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

**Mir House** is going digital! Please consider signing up for a We Adore Him account. There you can view the current schedule, sign up for hours, request automatic substitutes, receive reminders for your holy hour, and get closings/changes updates by text, email, or call! Sign up with the QR code or by going to [mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup](http://mirhouseofprayer.weadorehim.com/en/signup).



BOOKKEEPER position n 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 [kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/](http://kcsjatholic.org/start/job-openings/) and apply!

Springtime Pilgrimage! to **Italy!** March 25<sup>th</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
A very special Lenten experience during the Jubilee Year with Fr. Davis! Includes Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni, Montecassino, and Rome! It's a trip you'll treasure for the rest of your life! Extension to Medjugorje available. Please contact Mark Wyble at (816) 233-8427 or [religiousramblers@gmail.com](mailto:religiousramblers@gmail.com)

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**January Prayer Intention**  
  
**Pope Francis:** Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.  
**Bishop Johnston:** Let us pray for all who live and suffer in countries impacted by war, especially children and vulnerable people. For an end to war and for peace in the New Year.