

January 7, 2024

**The Epiphany
Of Our Lord**



Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-13

Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:12

“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Liturgical Assignments – Jan. 13/14	
	Lector
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Kountz
9:00 a.m.	J.L. Robertson
	Altar Servers
4:30 p.m.	Gavin Weiland / Volunteer Needed
9:00 a.m.	John & Daniel Welchert
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Rosie Kovac/ Erin Rocha	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – December 30/31	
Envelopes	7,840.57
Plate	396.25
Votives	65.10
Repair/Utility Fund	249.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
TOTAL	8,570.92
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	\$14,360.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

South Side Food Kitchen – Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Society will represent St. James on Thursday, January 11th. Please contact a member or the parish office if you can offer a dessert. St. Vincent’s monthly food drive is next weekend.

Congratulations to **Conor Blaise Roberts**, who was baptized here last weekend.

Happy Birthday to **Charles “Spud” Stumpf** - January 12th.

Want to unlock the Mystery of the Bible? Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but most of us find it hard to even begin. At the end of this eight-week course I promise you will know your way around the Bible and so experience its life-changing power. Determine now to invest 60-90 minutes each Wednesday for eight weeks (beginning January 17, at 2:00 pm) in the Casper Erk Room. Bring your Bibles and something to drink, then sit back and enjoy a video and class discussion as we journey on a life changing walk through Scripture. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, is a Bible study from Ascension Press. Contact Matthew Cline or Kelly Bachman with any questions.

Christmas Memorials

Katy Murawski by John & Karin Murawski

Back by Popular Demand: Tuesdays in the South Side returns to St. James on January 16th through March 12th. Dinner starts at 6pm, followed by a short video with Fr. John Ricardo and time for fellowship.

Request from St. Joseph Catholic Academy
As a parent in St. Joseph with school-aged children, we want to hear your thoughts on Catholic education in our community. This survey is for all parents, regardless of whether their children are currently enrolled in one of our Catholic schools. Thank you for helping us grow! Complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/FdLmPdZsiCGoaEhM6>. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Natalie Newville, President, at natalien@stjoecatholicacademy.com or 816-375-5180.

God Is Retreat at St. James – Saturday, February 17th

This retreat is open to all parishioners. Participants will experience informative talks, inspirational personal witness, sacramental renewal, prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. Registration forms are in the back of church.



*Sacred Host, Sacrament of Love,
Have mercy on us.*

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

Sunday, January 7	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Coffee and Donuts after Mass RCIA – 10:00 a.m., Casper Erk Rm CCD – 10:00 a.m., School Confirmation – 10:00 a.m., School Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. – 9 am, MMHall Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7 pm, Erk Rm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 a.m. Legion of Mary – 9:00 a.m., C. Erk Rm Adoration – 9 am to Noon
Thursday	South Side Food Kitchen
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Saturday	5:45 Men’s Group – 6 am, MMHall Confessions – 3:45 p.m. Mass – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 14	Confessions – 8:40 am or after 9 am Mass Mass – 9 am Coffee & Donuts after Mass Confessions – Noon or after Latin Mass Latin Mass – 12:30 pm Coffee and Donuts after Mass

FORMED – The Catholic Faith. On Demand.



Dysconnected: The Real Story Behind the Transgender Explosion Documentaries • S (Sexual Content)
DISCLAIMER: This documentary contains graphic content that might not be suitable for some audiences. Viewer discretion is advised.

Over the past few years, a transgender tsunami has swept the nation, completely overtaking the medical, educational, and counseling industries, and forever altering hundreds of thousands of young girls’ lives. What is going on? How did it come to this? And who is behind it? Filmmaker and father Don Johnson traveled the country to find out.

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Enter our parish zip code: 64504**

MIR House of Prayer Needs Adorers

2 am & 4 am Saturday, 9 am Sunday, 11 pm Tuesday
Contact Rose Korte or the Parish Office.

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, January 11!** Meet at the Mir House of Prayer at **6:10pm** for Adoration, followed by bowling at Belt Bowl! 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.

Bishop’s Annual Appeal Update for St. James

34 households, \$8,248.00 / 40% of our \$20,853.00 goal.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6
The Epiphany of Our Lord
4:30 p.m. – *Bettie Kline +*

Sunday, January 7
The Epiphany of Our Lord
9:00 a.m. – *Robert Kneib +*
Holy Family
12:30 p.m. - Latin
Pro Populo

Monday, January 8
The Baptism of Our Lord
8:00 a.m. – *Mary Ann Hughes +*

Tuesday, January 9
Weekday
NO MASS

Wednesday, January 10
Votive Mass of St. Joseph
8:00 a.m. - *Draga Zuptich +*

Thursday, January 11
Weekday
NO MASS

Friday, January 12
Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart
8:00 a.m. - *Special Intention*

Saturday, January 13
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 p.m. – *Pat Lamar +*

Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. – *Robert Pitts +*
Holy Family
12:30 p.m. - Latin
Pro Populo

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