

## Baptism of Our Lord



Scripture Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7;  
Psalm 29:1-10;  
Acts 10: 34-38; Luke 3:15-22

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Liturgical Assignments – January 15/16	
	<b>Lector</b>
4:30 p.m.	Ashley Kountz
9:00 a.m.	Denise Mereness
	<b>Altar Servers</b>
4:30 p.m.	Grayson Flint / Jack Short
9:00 a.m.	Aaden Pearce / Quentin Chappell
Weekday	School Servers
Money Counters	
Mike Lynch / Sharon Lynch	
Sacrificial Offerings to God – January 1/2	
Envelopes	10,351.57
Plate	265.20
Votives	109.50
Repair/Utility Fund	337.00
Misc.	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,063.27</b>
Average Weekly Offertory Needed	<b>\$14,360.00</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will go to the **repair/utility fund**.

Next weekend the second collection will be taken up for the **Annual Catholic Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions**.

*St. James Parishioners,*  
*Thank you so very much for all the wonderful baby gifts to Birthright – all are so needed.*  
*We appreciate your generosity so much. It is such a blessing to the women and babies who come to us for help. God bless you all!*  
**Nancy Swymeler, Birthright Director, and Volunteers**

**Happy Birthday, Charles “Spud” Stumpf – Jan 12.**

### South Side Food Kitchen

St. James Knights of Columbus Council will represent our parish at the South Side Food Kitchen on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact a Knight or call the parish office if you can offer a dessert.

**The Sunday 7 am Mass is now a part of our schedule. We are looking for lectors willing to be on the regular schedule for the 7 am Mass.** Please email or call Faith Girard if you can help.

### St. James Prayer Chain

We often have parishioners call in requests for prayers for loved ones in their family or for dear friends. If you would like to be added to our email prayer chain, please email or call Faith in the parish office.

### St. Serra Apostolate for Vocations Program

**Father Garrett King returns home to speak.**  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe  
After 6:00 mass, Refreshments Served, Marian Room (Basement) All are welcome!

### Memorial Bench for Father Sturm

St. James Parish and our Legion of Mary are collecting donations for a Memorial Bench (to be placed in St. Columba Cemetery, Conception, MO) for our beloved and missed Father Sturm. If you would like more information or want to make a donation, please contact Debbie Strahm at 816-244-0745.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES	
Sunday, January 9	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9 am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm CCD - 10:00 am - School <b>Holy Name Sunday</b> Monthly meeting - 8 to 9 am Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am
Monday	Confessions – 7:30 am Legion of Mary – 8:30 am, C. Erk Rm
Tuesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Holy Hour/Confessions - 6 pm
Wednesday	Confessions – 7:30 am Bible Study/Catechism – Vatican II 6:30 pm, Casper Erk Rm <i>Study materials provided</i>
Thursday	Confessions – 7:30 am <b>Sacramental Parent Mtg. 7pm, Erk Rm</b>
Friday	Confessions – 7:30 am <b>Parish Office Closed</b>
Saturday	Confessions – 3:30 pm Mass at 4:30 pm
Sunday, January 16	Mass at 7AM Holy Hour/Confessions – 8 am Mass at 9 am RCIA – 10:05 am – C. Erk Rm CCD - 10:00 am - School Confessions – 11 am Latin Mass at 11:30 am

*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 13<sup>th</sup>**! Meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish at **6:10pm** for prayer + food, followed by drinks at Mokaska! All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there! Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at [goetz.ally@gmail.com](mailto:goetz.ally@gmail.com).

### The Vatican II Documents

6 Week Study starting WED evenings, JAN 5  
We have heard the debates for almost 60 years, but few have actually read the documents themselves.  
Why read the documents of Vatican II? Because each of those 16 documents are part of the Magisterium of the Church, this beautiful Church that guides us in our Faith. This won't be a deep academic study, but it will certainly give you the tools and thirst to go deeper, as we discover the gift of JOY that the Holy Spirit has given us in Vatican II.

### Update on Bishop’s Appeal

29 Families at \$7,460.00  
47% of \$15,750.00 goal

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, January 9

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
7:00 a.m. – *Kristin Hughes +*  
9:00 a.m. – *Draga Zuptich +*  
**Holy Family**  
11:30 a.m. (Latin)  
*Pro Populo*

#### Monday, January 10

**Votive Mass of the Most Holy Trinity**  
8 a.m. – *Tom Duty +*

#### Tuesday, January 11

**Votive Mass of the Holy Angels**  
8 a.m. – *Special Intention*

#### Wednesday, January 12

**Votive Mass of St. Joseph**  
8 a.m. – *Virginia Girard +*

#### Thursday, January 13

**St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
8 a.m. – *Rita Andriano +*

#### Friday, January 14

**Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart**  
8 a.m. – *Bishop Folda*

#### Saturday, January 15

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. – *Robert Pitts +*

#### Sunday, January 16

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
7:00 a.m. – *Mary Holley +*  
9:00 a.m. – *Lori Redmond +*  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
11:30 a.m. (Latin)  
*Pro Populo*

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