

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, November 29:  
4:30PM - † Eugene Miller

Sunday, November 30:  
FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT  
9:00AM - For the People  
12:45PM - † Mary Sanger

Monday, December 1:  
8:00AM - † Mary Sanger

Wednesday, December 3:  
\*Saint Francis Xavier, Priest  
8:00AM - † Mary Sanger

Thursday, December 4:  
\*Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of  
the Church

8:00AM - † Mary Sanger

Friday, December 5:  
8:00AM - Murray & Korte  
Families, living and deceased

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



SERVER TRAINING!

We will have a mandatory server training session next Wednesday, December 3, from 4PM - 5PM in the Church. If you currently serve or are interested in becoming an altar server, please plan to attend!

SERVER OUTING!

All Servers, please join us next Saturday, December 6, from 12PM to 2:00PM at Revolutions Lanes and Fun Center in Southend St. Joseph for a couple of hours of bowling fun! We at St. James appreciate your continued dedication toward making our liturgies as reverent as possible and wish to thank you for all you do!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK &  
HOMEBOUND

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



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 leaving the names of your loved one(s) in the memo field.

\$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

Dec. 6

Lector: Susan Pryzbylski  
MC: Josh Green  
Acolyte 1: Asher Burnett  
Acolyte 2: Ben Allison  
Thurifier:

Dec. 7

Lector: Mary Jo Marek  
MC: Matthew Cline  
Acolyte 1: Patrick Wohletz  
Acolyte 2: Daniel Welchert  
Thurifier: Charlie Bartulica

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM  
12:45PM  
Monday: 8:00AM  
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

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)



Saint Nicholas  
Festival



Please join us in the gymnasium on December 7th after the 12:45PM Mass for a soup and salad dinner!

There will be a sign-up table on November 30th in the Church vestibule where you can sign up to bring your favorite dish!

Bring the family to enjoy food, fun, and games! For details, contact

[marissaanne@gmail.com](mailto:marissaanne@gmail.com)  
[m@groups.io](mailto:m@groups.io)

Altar Society

Is having their Christmas Party  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Church  
basement from 4PM - 10PM.

Weekly Offerings 11/17-11/23

Collection Plate: \$12,409.50  
Mass Intentions & Memorials \$00.00  
Building & Repair Fund: \$3,781.00  
Online Giving: \$1,010.00

TOTAL: \$17,200.50

NOV. TOTAL: \$41,802.73

To give safely and easily, please visit

[saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give](http://saintjamescatholicchurc3.flocknote.com/give)

Or scan the QR code to securely donate from your phone!



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Thoughts by Father Jonathan Davis

“Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come — for Him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. The Church encourages us: Ecce veniet! — He is about to arrive!” (St. Josemaria Escriva)

My brothers and sisters, Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Christ. It is a time to look forward to Christmas. The light of the world is coming. Jesus is born at the darkest time of the year, winter. Isaiah says, “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Advent is a privileged season. We should make moments for prayer during this time leading up to Christmas to meditate upon importance of this season in silence.

St. Charles Borromeo said, “Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love He has shown us in this mystery.”

It is a time to prepare our hearts. St. Charles Borromeo continues by saying, “The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to His presence, He will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with Him the riches of His grace.” “In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother, the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if He were still to come into this world.” We should spend this time leading up to Christmas with Mary. Let us think about how she prepared for the coming of Christ. Let us prepare our hearts so that Jesus Christ can be born spiritually in our hearts on Christmas day. The birthday present that we are preparing to give the Christ child is our hearts.



PLEASE JOIN US THIS MONDAY EVENING FROM 6PM - 7PM TO PRAY WITH OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR THE INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

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 call (816)500-2057 to schedule an appointment.

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.

Legion of Mary

It 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!

**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.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

December 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.