

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

MONDAY, December 5, 2016

6:30 p.m. Anton Bacher
Rina Hall

TUESDAY, December 6, 2016

(Saint Nicholas, Bishop)

8:00 a.m. Alice Mildred Thomas

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2016

(Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

8:00 a.m. Patrick Hackett
Tony Tillett

THURSDAY, December 8, 2016

(Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8 a.m. Mass will be held at Saint James Catholic School

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving
Bob O'Bryan

12:15 p.m. Carol Geoghegan

6:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, December 9, 2016

(Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)

8:00 a.m. Gladys Hodges

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016

5:00 p.m. John Hammann

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016

(Third Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Charles E &
Mary Hager Family and Extended Family

10:00 a.m. Susie Sims
Bernadine Ahler

12:15 p.m. Robert Hansen
Connie Cogswell

10:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

MONDAY, December 5, 2016

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, *Parish Office*

7:00 p.m. Confession, *Church*

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #303 Meeting, *RTR*

TUESDAY, December 6, 2016

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting Troop 297, *RTR#3*

6:30 p.m. Bible Study, *BH Library*

6:30 p.m. RCIA, *RCIA Room Old Middle School*

6:30 p.m. Endow Bible Study for Women, *P.O. Basement*

7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee Meeting, *Parish Office*

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 2016

9:00 a.m. CWOSJ Fellowship, *RTR*

9:30 a.m. Catholic Women of Saint James, *RTR*

4:00 p.m. Room in the Inn Shelter, *B. Hall-Lower Level*

5:15 p.m. Family Faith Formation, *SJS Gym*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, *Church*

THURSDAY, December 8, 2016

7:00 p.m. Saint James Haiti Committee, *Parish Office*

9:00 p.m. National Night of Prayer for Life, *Church*

FRIDAY, December 9, 2016

8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

10:00 a.m. Saint James Playgroup, *B. Hall-Lower Level*

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016

8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

3:00 p.m. Confession, *Church*

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, *RTR*

9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive, *Batchelder Hall*

11:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts, *RTR*

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, *Youth Room*

11:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, *B. Hall*

2016-17 Parish Pastoral Council Members

Lou Edmondson, Chair

Ron Bryan, Social Concerns

Deacon Bill Clark, Finance/Administration

Geoff Clark, Parish Voice

Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Secretary

Paula Knowles, Stewardship/Mission Advancement

Jeff Lanz, Worship

Coty Oropilla, School Board Liaison

Stacia Reynolds, Parish Life

Val Stokan, Faith Formation

To contact the parish council via email parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org.

ADORATION of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

+ Saturday 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

+ Monday 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. (Following 6:30 p.m. Mass)

+ Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Please consider spending one hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Find peace by simply sitting in the Presence of God.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

will take place on the first Monday of each month during the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



We welcome all new families to the Hardin County area and offer a quality education where students can grow academically, spiritually, and socially. Please visit us at 401 Robinbrooke Blvd. Elizabethtown, KY or online at <http://www.edline.net/pages/sjs-etown>

Save the Date

4th Annual Black and White Knight

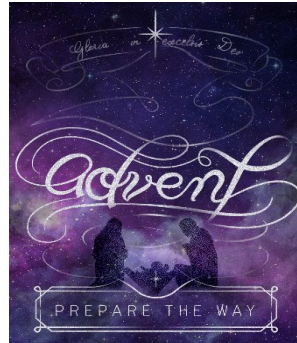
February 4, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Dinner catered by Swans Landing

Live and Silent Auctions

Entertainment by Big Black Cadillac

PARISH LIFE



Advent Parish Penance Service

Wednesday,
December 14

Saint James
Catholic School

Confessions heard from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

As we clean up our homes, let's clean up our hearts! Join other members of the parish in an opportunity to pray, confess, and deeply renew our life in Christ. Six priests will be available to hear individual confessions!

Advent Vespers

The parish community of Saint James Catholic Church will pray Evening Prayer, or Vespers every Saturday at 4:30 PM in the church, for the duration of the Advent season. Vespers is one of the liturgies of the Divine Office, and is prayed and sung during Advent and Lent in parishes around the world. All parishioners are invited to participate in the music and prayers of one of the most beautiful liturgies of the church. The service precedes the 5:00 p.m. mass and lasts 15 to 20 minutes.

Advent Quick Tips

From the National Catholic Register

Arrive on time or be early. Then you will have time to prepare your heart to receive God's word and his body.

PARISH LIFE

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, Mass and all other activities at Saint James Catholic Church will be cancelled if Saint James School has cancelled classes or is running on a delayed schedule. Every effort will be made to include Saint James Catholic Church in TV and radio cancellation announcements. Please use caution when making the decision to attend Mass throughout the winter months.

Throughout Advent two Priests will be hearing Confessions on Monday evenings after 6:30 p.m. Mass and on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to Pray, Confess, and Adventure during Advent.

Chris Hertelendy representing Diocesan Publications (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact Chris directly at [502-905-3722](tel:502-905-3722) or chertelendy@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

PARISH LIFE

**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH**
BECOMING MINI-THEOLOGAINS AND EVEN BIGGER SAINTS.

Come and join us TONIGHT for Christmas Caroling and our Christmas Party!! Christmas Caroling will be first and then we will come back for our party full of hot cocoa, Christmas music, and FUN!!

5:30-8:00 p.m. RSVP to Olivia!!

12/11-1/1: NO YOUTH GROUP- Christmas Break!

12/30: Youth Group LOCK-IN!! More info to come!

CONFIRMATION:

First Years:

12/11: Class

12/18-1/1: No class-Christmas Break!

Second years:

Please keep working on your service opportunities!

This year our Confirmation retreat featured "His Own" from Nashville, TN. This group of three young women desire for their music to be a ministry to inspire women to come before the Lord as they are, to encounter His love and be reminded of their feminine dignity and worth, along with reaching out to young men and inspiring them to be men of God. If you are interested in helping us offset the cost for this group, please contact Olivia at odvorjak@stjames-etown.org or 270-765-6268.

Please note the below changes in Bulletin information due dates that are earlier than the usual deadline of 10:00 a.m. the Friday before. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in being proactive for these early due dates. It is

truly appreciated. Please email items to:

lpoverstreet@stjames-etown.org

Please submit December 18 Bulletin Information by

Thursday December 8 at 10 a.m.

Please submit December 25 Information

(Christmas Bulletin) by Wednesday December 14 at 10 a.m.

Please submit January 1 Bulletin Information by

Tuesday December 20 at 10 a.m.

Please submit January 8 Bulletin Information by

Tuesday December 27 at 10 a.m.

PARISH LIFE

You also must be prepared, because the Son of man will come at an hour when you did not expect Him. **Mt 24:44**



REFLECTION. The word "Advent" means "coming," and the season focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time, and then on his first coming at Christmas. The joy of Advent is joined by a strong warning that we must be prepared for His coming. Promoting justice and human rights is a key element of our preparation. A society that aborts its children is not prepared for the coming of Christ.

PRAYER. *Come, Lord Jesus. May we be prepared to welcome You by welcoming all human life.*

Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day

Adopt A Child for Christmas



In an effort to continue our support of Helping Hand of Hope and children in our area who are in need this Holiday Season. Saint James Catholic Church encourages parishioners to adopt a child for Christmas by visiting the Helping Hand of Hope location in Towne Mall. We will not have this available through the church this year, but hope that you will continue to support this effort for the children in our community.

National Night of Prayer for Life

Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9 pm Dec. 8th to 1 am Dec. 9th.

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.

Our parish will join in this prayer. Please join us in church.

STEWARDSHIP

REFLECTION

The Stewardship Committee will provide a weekly reflection to assist our parishioners as they discern how their time, talent, and treasure can positively impact our parish community.

*“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.
Romans 15:7*

A key element of stewardship and evangelization is a welcoming environment. Do we take time to meet the people we sit with at Mass each Sunday?

WORSHIP

Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/10	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Shayne	Fr. Shayne
Sun. 12/11	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Shayne	Fr. Shayne
Sun. 12/11	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Shayne
Sun. 12/11	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Shayne

Please note:

Presider and Homilist schedule are subject to change.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURES

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading : Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

CHRISTMAS PURSE COLLECTION

This year’s Christmas purse collection will be held after Mass the following weekends in

December:

December 10 & 11

December 17 & 18

Please join our parish community in thanking those who serve us throughout the year. A member of the Knights of Columbus will be at each door to receive your gift.

John the Baptist was called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. He did this by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Similarly, each one of us is called by God to prepare the way for Jesus. We do this whenever we assist someone in need, visit someone who is sick or lend a listening ear.

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURES

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading : James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11



**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Body soap, Paper Towels, Peanut Butter and Jelly.

**ALL YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU!!!**

This bulletin is completely provided without charge through the advertisements on the back covers. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

***Our sponsor of the week is:
Knight’s Mechanical***



+VOCATION VIEW+

The Lord will come when we least expect him. Is he knocking now, asking us to serve as a priest or religious? (Luke 12:49-53)

PARISH LIFE

AROUND & ABOUT

**FAMILY FAITH
FORMATION**



Wednesday, December 7

Family Catechesis Night (Classroom Sessions)

Join us at Saint James Catholic School for Mass at 5pm (Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, holy day of obligation), followed by a family dinner, and our regular session (begins at 6:30pm). Be sure to check your email for the on-line sign-up!

Wednesday, December 14

Family Prayer & Praise Night (Atrium in Session)

We will participate in the Advent Parish Penance Service 6:30 p.m. in the Saint James School Gym

Divorced. Catholic. Now What?

Journey of Hope is a unique 15-week divorce recovery ministry program addressing concerns of divorced or separated Catholics. It offers support on important issues that result from divorce. The emphasis on prayer, scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church lead to healing and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The next 15-week session begins on Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in Bardstown, KY in the Maloney Room. The cost is \$50 which includes all materials, text, and workbooks and scholarships are available. Registration forms can be found online at <https://www.archlou.org/journeyofhope> and further information is available by emailing the Archdiocese of Louisville's Family Ministries Office at family@archlou.org or by calling 502-349-2922.

Lorna Vertrees has generously offered to serve as the local contact, please feel free to contact her with questions about scholarships or registration at lvertrees94@comcast.net or 270-766-8687.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Congratulations to our Catechumens and Candidates who participated in the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome today! Please join them for a light reception in Batcheldor Hall following the 10 a.m. Mass this morning December 4.

**Next Session: Tues., December 6 at 6:30pm,
in the Old Middle School (Room 503)**

Testify Advent Prayer Concert - Testify, a local singing group, will host an Advent Prayer Concert - "Let There Be Light" - on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm at St John Catholic Church in Rineyville. All are welcome to attend the program followed by a potluck dinner.

St. John Church, Rineyville, will change their regular Saturday 7:30 p.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m. beginning on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Christmas at St Brigid Carols of the Nativity
With Julianna Horton, Organ
Sun, Dec 11, 2016—4 PM
St Brigid Catholic Church 40204 \$22 Gen, \$18 Sr, \$5 Stu

The Knox Area Cursillo is sponsoring the annual Christmas Celebration and would like to invite all Cursillistas and friends to this celebration at St. Brigid's Community Center in Vine Grove on December 9, at 6:00 pm. It will start with a social followed by a Thanksgiving meal. We ask that you bring a dish to share Mount St. Francis Desserts, Louisville veggies or salads, Knox Area (Fort Knox, Radcliff, Vine Grove, E'town and surrounding area) main dishes or casseroles. For more information please email or call Pat Williams, 270-351-3788, willpaw@twc.com.

The next Red Cross blood drive will be held in Batcheldor Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on December 11, 2016. Please give the gift of life this holiday season by donating a pint of blood. Contact Joyce Solar at joycesolar@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you for your generosity. With your help we donated 38 units in September.