

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES**

**MONDAY, December 19, 2016**

6:30 p.m. Grant & Pat French  
Alice Mildred Thomas

**TUESDAY, December 20, 2016**

8:00 a.m. James Doyle Williams

**WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2016**

*(Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)*

8:00 a.m. Charolotte Freeman-Vaughan  
Norman Crawford Jr.

**THURSDAY, December 22, 2016**

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

8:00 a.m. Larry "Pete" Riley  
Margaret Heinzl & Robert Heinzl

**FRIDAY, December 23, 2016**

*(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)*

8:00 a.m. Tony Tillett

**SATURDAY, December 24, 2016**

4:00 p.m. Arlene Lamphere  
7:00 p.m. Robert & Harriet Parsons  
Alleyah Noelle  
Don Reding

**SUNDAY, December 25, 2016**

*(The Nativity of the Lord)*

12:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving  
Bob Zoglmann  
Terry Avenido  
Connie Cogswell  
5:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

**MONDAY, December 19, 2016**

12:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, *Parish Office*  
7:00 p.m. Confession, *Church*  
7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

**TUESDAY, December 20, 2016**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*  
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*

**WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2016**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*  
4:00 p.m. Room in the Inn Shelter, *B. Hall-Lower Level*  
5:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Rehearsal — Children's Choir,  
*Church*  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, *Church*

**THURSDAY, December 22, 2016**

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

**FRIDAY, December 23, 2016**

***Parish Office Closed***

8:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*  
10:00 a.m. Saint James Playgroup, *B. Hall-Lower Level*  
6:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass Christmas Meal, *B.H. Gym*

**SATURDAY, December 24, 2016**

**SUNDAY, December 25, 2016**

***Merry Christmas!***

**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](mailto:parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org).

**ADORATION of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday 7-10 p.m. (Following 6:30 p.m. Mass)  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday\* 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Following 8 a.m. Mass)  
Saturday\*\* 8-9 a.m.

\*When school is in session Eucharistic Adoration on  
Thursday morning will begin at 9:15 a.m.

\*\*On the first Saturday of the month Eucharistic Adoration  
will be 8:30-9 a.m.

## FOURTH 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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

### Christmas Break

Saint James Catholic School will not be in session

December 19 through January 2.

### Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training

Are you interested in: - coaching? - being a catechist?  
- chaperoning our students and young people?  
- working with children in any capacity in our parish/  
school community?

The Archdiocese of Louisville, and Saint James Catholic Church, is committed to ensuring that children and youth who worship, study or participate in church and/or school-sponsored activities can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. In an effort to fulfill this commitment, all employees or volunteers who have contact with children or youth (18 and under) for ANY length of time are required to participate in one 2-hour Safe Environment Training Workshop.

Saint James will host a Safe Environment Training Workshop on Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30pm in Batcheldor Hall. No registration Necessary, sign in upon arrival.

### PARISH LIFE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be a rehearsal for the Christmas Eve 4:00 PM mass in the church on Wednesday evening from 5:15 to 6:45 PM. Children up through grade 6 are welcome to participate. Those interested in singing are asked to come to the Wednesday rehearsal, and additionally come at 3:00 PM on Christmas Eve (one hour before mass) for a brief run-through.

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.

#### Advent Quick Tips

From the National Catholic Register

Bow your head as a sign of reverence before receiving Communion.



On Wed, Dec 7, the Catholic Women of St. James (CWOSJ) took Fr. Shayne's advice and went on an Advent-ure to the Abbey of Gethsemani (some even got lost on the way). The women attended mid-day prayer with the monks and meditated through private prayer. Fr. Shayne joined the women for lunch in Bardstown. Thank you, Fr. Shayne and Fr. Martin, for the idea and encouragement.

PARISH LIFE



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

**Calling ALL JUNIORS!!**

Our junior retreat will be held Friday, January 20-  
Sunday, January 22 at Mt. St. Francis in Indiana!

Interested in attending?

Contact Olivia for an application!

**CONFIRMATION:**

First Years:

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](mailto: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](mailto:lpoverstreet@stjames-etown.org)

*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

**FAMILY FAITH  
FORMATION**



*\*We do not meet again in December\**

*Next Session: Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6:30pm*

*Saint James Catholic School*

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Next Session: Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30pm

Old Middle School

**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.



**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:  
The Oral & Facial Surgery Center of Kentucky*

**STEWARDSHIP**

**2016 Collection for Catholic Charities**

The annual collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up in our parish next weekend December 24 and 25. This collection supports the local services of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your generosity helps to fund many vital social ministries, including the Sister Visitor Center, the mother and infant care program, family support services, prison ministry, parish social ministry, senior social services, and the migration and refugee program. Please give generously when the Catholic Charities' Collection is taken up at our parish next weekend.

**ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

Connect. Educate. Inspire.

Our annual stewardship renewal process is just around the corner! Throughout the month of January our stewardship committee has prepared a variety of opportunities for our parishioners to consider how God is calling each of us to be involved in our parish. We hope to CONNECT, EDUCATE and INSPIRE everyone to get involved in the Saint James Catholic Church community!

**A preview of a few things to come...**

**Carpool Karaoke** featuring our Pastor, Associate Pastor and maybe a featured guest

**Stories of Discipleship** from several Saint James parishioners

**AND...**

**"It's Fun to be Catholic" ....Come Find Out Why**

A two-night event featuring former sportscaster and speaker, Gary Montgomery. **Mark your calendars now for January 18 and 19. You do not want to miss out** on this INSPIRING event. *More details will follow.*

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us." Matthew 1:23**

**Mary serves as a model of stewardship. By saying "yes" to God, Mary bore the Savior of the world – Emmanuel. She chooses to follow God's will without regard to the personal cost to herself.**

**WORSHIP**

**Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/24	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Sat. 12/24	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Shayne	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/25	12:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Shayne	Fr. Martin

*Please note:*

*Presider and Homilist schedule are subject to change.*

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14  
Second Reading : Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Vigil Mass:

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5  
Second Reading : Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Midnight Mass:

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6  
Second Reading : Titus 2:11-14  
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Christmas Day:

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10  
Second Reading : Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel: John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**+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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **Luke. 2: 1-3-4-5**



**REFLECTION.** Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem in Judaea, where Joseph's family lived, in obedience to the decree issued by Caesar. The trip was 65 miles and lasted for 4 or 5 days. It was especially arduous for Mary because the birth of the Savior was at hand. When the Holy Family arrived in Bethlehem there was no room for them in the inn. They were offered lodging in a manger located in a cave. The dye was cast. Soon, an unimaginable gift of love would be given to humanity by God the Father.

**PRAYER.** *God the Father, we thank you for the gift of love. In return, may all of humankind show love and respect for the life of the least among us especially the unborn, aged, special citizens, and those unable to care for themselves.*

Ed Cecil, Respect Life Committee

**Kentucky Right to Life March for Life**

You are invited to join us for the Kentucky Right to Life March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington D. C. From January 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This trip will be a true Pro-Life pilgrimage with a few new events that we are planning. Ed Harpring, Respect Life Director for the Archdiocese of Louisville is coordinating this trip for students and adults in the Archdiocese of Louisville. If you are interested in learning more about the event, please contact Ed Harpring at 502-471-2154 or [eharpring@archlou.org](mailto:eharpring@archlou.org).

**Right to Life Kentucky Heartland**

After all Masses this weekend the Respect Life Committee will be collecting names for the January ad in The News Enterprise. The suggested donation is \$5 per name or line.

AROUND & ABOUT



*"Marriage Encounter has a way of making sure that marriage is raised to the dignity it deserves."*

– Archbishop Joseph Kurtz

Do you want to make your marriage stronger? Would you like to spend an uninterrupted weekend with your spouse delving deeply into the

wonderful commitment you made with each other in marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is seen as one of the preeminent ways available today of strengthening and enriching marriages . . . no matter how long you have been together! Please consider joining the Marriage Encounter

team as they host our next weekend event on

February 10-12, 2017 (just before Valentine's Day) at the [Mount St Francis Center for Spirituality](#) just across the river in New Albany, IN. In support of this powerful marriage enrichment opportunity, the Family Ministries Office is offering information sessions about the weekend, where you can come and talk with the team and learn more about

just how great Marriage Encounter can be for your marriage! Our next information session is going to be held at: [St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish](#), 5505 Bardstown Road, in Loft 1 Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM Please come out and learn more about just how rich your marriage can become! To register, or for further information, please

visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact the Family Ministries office at [family@archlou.org](mailto:family@archlou.org). *"This Weekend was the most joyous and most stimulating time of our lives. We have had the chance to see how each of us needs to be loved and to give love."* - Quote from a couple who made a Marriage

**Encounter Weekend**

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.