

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

MONDAY, December 4, 2017

(Saint John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

6:30 p.m. +Julie Hillebrand

TUESDAY, December 5, 2017

8:00 a.m. +Anton Bacher

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017

(Saint Nicholas, Bishop)

8:00 a.m. +Carol Geoghegan

THURSDAY, December 7, 2017 (Mass at Church)

(Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 a.m. Improved health for Thomas Geoghegan

FRIDAY, December 8, 2017 **HOLY DAY**

(The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 a.m. +“Joe Bill” Polin **(8 a.m. Mass at School)**
+Charles Mulhall

12:15 p.m. +Arnold Burke

6:30 p.m. Celebrant’s Discretion

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

(Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)

5:00 p.m. +Ernest S. Thomas

+Donald McCamish

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

(Second Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. +Bob & Edith O’Bryan

10:00 a.m. +Susie Sims

+Gladys Hodges

12:15 p.m. +Sandra Jardim

+Sue Crady

5:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

+Denotes Deceased

MONDAY, December 4, 2017

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

7:00 p.m. Confession, Church

TUESDAY, December 5, 2017

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1496 Party, RTR

6:30 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study, RTR #3

6:30 p.m. Exploring Catholicism, SJS

6:30 p.m. RCIA, Saint James Catholic School (SJS)

6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, P. O. Basement

WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

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

4:00 p.m. Room in the Inn Shelter, Lower Level B.H.

6:30 p.m. Family Faith Formation, SJS

6:30 p.m. Parish Penance Service, SJS

7:00 p.m. Parish Choir Practice, Church

THURSDAY, December 7, 2017

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee Mtg, B.H. Library

FRIDAY, December 8, 2017

SATURDAY, December 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1496 Paint N Party, B.H.

3:00 p.m. Confession, Church

4:30 p.m. Advent Vespers, Church

SUNDAY, December 10, 2017

9:00 a.m. Bloodmobile, Batcheldor Hall

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, Rodney Thomas Room

11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, Rodney Thomas Room

5:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 303 Mtg, RTRs #1 & #2

We look forward to celebrating Solemnity of Christmas with you and your family. Below is the Christmas Mass schedule so that you can make plans to attend the celebration that works best for your family. *Due to Christmas Eve Masses on*

Sunday, we will not have a 12:15 PM or 5:00 PM

(Spanish) Mass on December 24. Because both Sunday and Christmas are holy days of obligation, please make plans to attend both a Sunday morning Mass and Christmas Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Bi-lingual Mass) & Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

ADORATION of the MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 7:00-10:00 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. and Saturday** 8:00-9:00 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 8:30-9:00 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET prayed 9:00 p.m. Monday;

12:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday;

& 3:00 p.m. Friday.

ADVENT



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Advent is upon us! However, as a convert to Catholicism, I must admit that I still struggle with Advent. I am strongly inclined to throw up the tree the day after Thanksgiving just like my momma and I always did when I was a kid. Of course, my twin brother Cody was nowhere to be found...how convenient! I will admit, it's hard not to get into the "Christmas spirit" with Walmart having the Christmas decorations out since about June.

Nonetheless, in my 8 years as a Catholic, there has always been, deep within my heart of hearts, a growing desire to understand more fully and enter into more wholeheartedly the season of Advent. I've come to realize there are many ways to do that, but this year I want to focus on a question my spiritual director once asked me in seminary: What does salvation mean to you? At first glance, the obvious answer is "Heaven!" But, there is so much more depth to that question than immediately meets the eye.

Two thousand years ago, a little baby boy entered this dark world. At that time, the people of Israel had heard nothing but deafening silence from God since the prophet Malachi spoke nearly 400 years before that. That silence ended with the whimper of a baby. Nobody knew it then, but that whimper would swell into a deafening cry from the Cross 33 years later: "My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46).

This Advent, as we forge ahead through the growing darkness of fall and make our way toward the gentle whimper of that baby boy on Christmas Day, we should be asking ourselves what His birth back then means for us today. How His cry on Calvary still reverberates through the centuries to this very moment. Indeed, Heaven is our ultimate goal and our eternal salvation, but what about 2017 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Where is our salvation in this dark valley of tears?

A blessed Advent to you all. May His salvation reign in our hearts here and now, always and everywhere.

His,

Fr. Casey

Advent Penance Service
Let in the Light of God's Mercy.

Saint James Catholic School
6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Six priests will be available for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.
All are invited to join us for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer.



We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way.

Each day you'll receive an email with...

*Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
*Practical tips for your everyday life

*Real-life stories of hope
TO SIGN UP, VISIT

BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

Please come and join Frs. Martin and Casey and the Saint James Schola for the Divine Office of Vespers during Advent. The twenty minute liturgy will be sung on Saturdays -December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 4:30 PM. (Before the 5:00 PM Mass)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH LIFE



With Gratitude to God
Saint James Catholic Church and the
Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia
Joyfully invite you to the

Convent Blessing and Open House

Sunday, December 3
4pm Blessing by Archbishop Kurtz
followed by an Open House until 6pm



Saint James Convent
405 Robinbrooke Boulevard

RESISTING HAPPINESS



**BE PART OF IT IN 2018!
DETAILS COMING SOON!**

The Forever Young Club will meet **Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 PM** in the Rodney Thomas Room of Batcheldor Hall. The meal will be potluck with the club providing ham. Everyone is invited to bring other entrees, veggies, salads, breads, and desserts. All members are urged to also bring a door prize in the \$8- \$12 price range so all will have a Christmas gift. Program is not finalized at this time. Games may be played, all seniors are invited to attend. Some plans for 2018 will be discussed. Hope to see everyone there, happy holidays to all. 63 members and Fathers Martin and Casey attended our Thanksgiving dinner at the college. Great time and great meal!

PARISH LIFE

ANGEL TREE

Members of the Widowed Friends will receive gifts after Mass this weekend and next weekend
December 9 & 10.

Remember, please do not wrap the presents.

Members of the Widowed Friends group have handed out 200 Angels and would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

Next year we will try to get even more Angels!

Reminder: Next weekend is the last weekend to turn in gifts. Thank you!!

45th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE,

WASHINGTON, D.C. At 5 pm Jan 17, 2018 a bus filled with exuberant pro-lifers, will depart from Saint James Church in Elizabethtown, KY. After stops in Bardstown and Lexington, they will, full of enthusiasm, begin their journey to participate in the March for Life in Washington D.C. Those signing up for the trip will make, along with approximately 350,000 of like minded citizens, a monumental witness for the lawful protection of all innocent human life from conception to natural death. **Thursday Jan 18** Bus arrive Holiday Inn Express and Suits (Phone 202-266-9000) 9 am- John Paul II Museum Tour 3 pm-Attend National Respect Life Mass-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception **Friday Jan 19** 8:30 am-Youth Rally and Mass for Life – Verizon Center 9:00 am-Pro-Life Expo 10:30 am-Sightseeing Museums 12 Noon-March for Life Rally 4:00 pm-Buses depart Washington D.C. arrive in KY approximately 6 am **Jan 20**. PRICE. Based on 46 per bus. Includes: Round trip on tour bus; 1 night lodging at Holiday Inn Express & Suites; 1 breakfast meal & 1 pizza meal at hotel. Total package price (per person) 4/Rm-\$193 3/Rm-\$203 2/Rm-\$224 1/Rm \$289 The March for Life bus trip to Washington D.C. affords to the many working committees and other Saint James Parish members, an excellent opportunity to experience the in depth pro-life values held by fellow citizens of every state in our nation. One day, with the help and blessings of Almighty God, America will become a peace loving, family oriented, culture of life nation. You can be an active participant. Call Ed Cecil 270-765-2836 for further information.



The next Red Cross blood drive will be held in Batcheldor Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2017. Please give the gift of life this holiday season. Contact Joyce Solar at Joycesolar@yahoo.com for more information. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

FAITH FORMATION

CHRISTMAS

Caroling & Party

COME JOIN US FOR SOME
CHRISTMAS CHEER!
WE WILL CAROL AT LOCAL
NURSING HOMES AND THEN
PARTY IN THE YOUTH ROOM!

Sunday, December 3rd
5:00-9:00

RSVP TO OLIVIA AT 270-312-9249

cookie decorating. elf. ornament making.



Confirmation

1st years: Class today at 11 in the YOUTH ROOM!
"How do I get there?"

2nd years: Please keep working on your service opportunities!
Watch for service ideas on Remind or e-mail.

Next class: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 1:30-3:00



The Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Vigil Mass and Celebration
December 11 in the Main Church
Rosary at 9pm* Spanish Mass at 10pm
Celebration to follow in Batchelder Hall
All are welcome

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Please join us for Family Faith Formation this week. Students will go to classroom and parents will gather in large group.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA will meet Tuesday, December 5, 6:30-8:00 pm at St. James School Our focus will be, "Reconciliation and Anointing: sacraments for healing of body and soul"

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

JOIN FELLOW CATHOLICS IN AN EXPLORATION OF THE RICHES OF OUR FAITH.

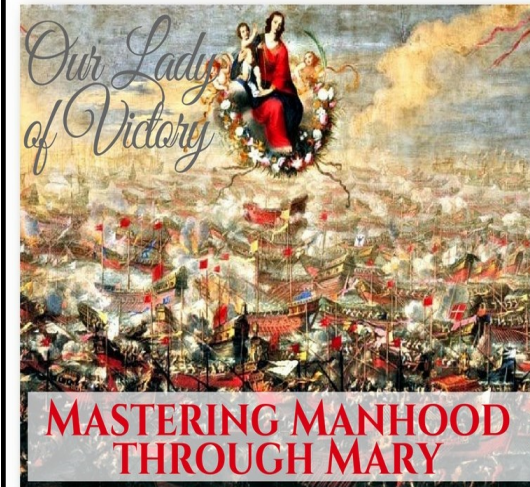
EXPLORING CATHOLICISM
ASK. SEEK. FIND. MATTHEW 7:7

ASK the big questions about your faith.
SEEK answers through study and dialogue.
FIND the truth at the heart of the Church.

Upcoming Topics

Dec 5: The Three Comings of Christ: Why did Jesus come?
Dec 12: The Incarnation: How was Jesus both God and Man?
Dec 19: Christmas: Why celebrate a season?
Exploring Catholicism will resume in the New Year!

Meet at Saint James Catholic School*Upstairs
Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm * Come Once or Come Weekly
Questions? Contact Sr. Michaela, O.P.* srmmartinez@stjames-etown.org



MASTERING MANHOOD THROUGH MARY

THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO 1571

"DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU."
(JOHN 1: 5B)
WITH THOSE FIVE WORDS, OUR LADY ISSUED A CLEAR ORDER TO THE SERVANTS AT THE WEDDING IN CANA, ONE THAT ECHOES THE WORDS OF THE FATHER ALMIGHTY AT THE BAPTISM OF HIS BELOVED SON: "LISTEN TO HIM!"
(MARK 9:7)

Join Fr. Martin, Fr. Casey, and the men of Saint James Parish for an evening of fellowship on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please reserve a seat by contacting Gail at parishoffice@stjames-etown.org or by phone at (270) 765-6268

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

STEWARDSHIP



CONNECT. EDUCATE. INSPIRE.

"You do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening....or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." Mark 13:35-36

The good steward is always expected to have the affairs of the master in order at all times. There is no time for complacency. Stewardship entails readiness to serve others and vigilance in that service.

2017 Catholic Services Appeal - Bringing Christ to Others

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal. To date we have raised \$ 142,465 toward our goal through the support of 351 donors. There is still time to respond with a gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up in our parish next weekend, and those retired religious who depend upon our donations appreciate your support: "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Black boxes will be available in the church.

The area churches and Helping Hand of Hope Thanksgiving Committee would like to thank you for your donations of food, money and time in preparing, serving and delivering Thanksgiving meals to individuals and families in our community.

CHRISTMAS PURSE COLLECTION

This year's Christmas purse collection will be held after Mass December 9 & 10 and December 16 & 17. 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.

ATTENTION!! ALL SACRISTANS, LECTORS, COMMUNION MINISTERS, & USHERS:

Christmas sign-up sheets have been placed in the back of the binder which is kept on the podium in the vestibule. Please sign-up for your preferred Mass. 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:
DeVeau Appraisals

WORSHIP

Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/9	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/10	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/10	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/10	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Martin

Please note: Presider and Homilist schedule are subject to change.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

The ancient spiritual tradition of *memento mori* is one of calling to mind our own eventual death in order to focus on eternity and live a better life. How easy it is to be lulled into the sleep of the world and to forget that there is a limit to our earthly time. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory. When the Lord comes, will he find us awake?

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



+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)