

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES**

**MONDAY, December 11, 2017**

*(Saint Damasus I, Pope)*

6:30 p.m. +Maria S. & Dominico X. Do  
+Bernadine Ahler

**TUESDAY, December 12, 2017**

*(Our Lady of Guadalupe)*

8:00 a.m. +Ann Wilmoth  
+Doris Taylor

**WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017**

*(Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)*

8:00 a.m. +Norman Crawford Sr. and  
Norman Crawford Jr.

**THURSDAY, December 14, 2017**

*(Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)*

**(Mass will be held at the school.)**

8:00 a.m. +Bernadine Ahler

**FRIDAY, December 15, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Tillett Family Blessing

**SATURDAY, December 16, 2017**

5:00 p.m. Missa pro populo

**SUNDAY, December 17, 2017**

*(Third Sunday of Advent)*

8:00 a.m. +Louise Wiseman  
10:00 a.m. +Ann Willmoth  
12:15 p.m. +Alice Mulhall  
5:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish  
+Denotes Deceased

**MONDAY, December 11, 2017**

10:00 a.m. Catholic Charities Meeting, P. O. Basement

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, P.O. Basement

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

7:00 p.m. Confession, Church

8:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil, Church

10:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration, B.H.

**TUESDAY, December 12, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

4:30 p.m. Mastering Manhood Through Mary, RTR

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

6:30 p.m. Exploring Catholicism, SJS

6:30 p.m. RCIA, SJS

**WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

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

6:30 p.m. Family Faith Formation, St. James School

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Church

**THURSDAY, December 14, 2017**

9:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

10:00 a.m. Room in the Inn Board Mtg, P.O. Basement

6:30 p.m. Resisting Happiness, RTR

6:30 p.m. Journey Through Scripture Class, RTR #3

7:00 p.m. Haiti Meeting, P. O. Basement

**FRIDAY, December 15, 2017**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

10:00 a.m. Homeschool Group, RTR

**SATURDAY, December 16, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

3:00 p.m. Confession, Church

4:30 p.m. Advent Vespers, Church

**SUNDAY, December 17, 2017**

**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. (Following 8:00 a.m. Mass)

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

Eucharistic Adoration will be 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

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***

Please Note: ***Eucharistic Adoration*** will be canceled on December 22, December 25, and January 1.

**ADVENT**



December 2017

Dear fellow parishioners of Saint James,

One of my clearest memories of Advent in my Catholic grade school is walking past the beautiful display which hung on my sixth grade teacher's door. Each morning as I passed into the classroom I would read the words that have become a favorite Advent prayer:

*Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!*

I think it is that last word I like best. "Quickly! Now, Lord! Soon! Immediately! I need You to be with me *now!*" The Lord must love to hear these words on our lips. We pray them because we long for His presence, but in praying them we stop just long enough to realize that He is already in our midst.

"Come, Lord Jesus!" And we see His beauty in those around us.

"Come quickly!" And we know His love through the goodness of a friend.

"Come, Lord Jesus!" We remember His presence in the Sacraments.

"Come quickly!" We recall His grace in our soul.

When I arrived at Saint James four months ago there was something that I noticed right away: the Lord is here!

I see Him in the hospitality with which you welcome newcomers. I see Him in the hunger you have to know and live your faith. I see Him in the faithfulness of those who come to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. I see Him in the generosity with which you serve the poor and grieving. I see Him in our pastors who strive to be true disciples. I see in the children who run toward the altar and in the youth who gather to study his word. Truly, the Lord is here.

In these coming weeks of Advent, I encourage you to join me in this simple aspiration:

*Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!*

And then look around a bit...I think you'll see He is near.

In Christ,

*Sister Michaela, OP*



"Check out this study for each Sunday of Advent!"

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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 16 and 23 at 4:30 PM. (Before the 5:00 PM Mass)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Feb. 26-28, 2018  
Lenten Parish Mission  
Joe Farris  
@St. James

## 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>*



#### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In case of inclement weather, **Mass and all other activities at Saint James Catholic Church will be cancelled if Saint James Catholic 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.

#### There are two new ways to support SJS without spending an extra dime!

1. **Coca-Cola Give:** There are codes inside the caps or on the paper packaging of Coca Cola products. Go to the website listed below and enter **St James, 42701** and our school will appear below the search box.

This program includes all Coca Cola products, including Dasani water and Powerade.

<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

2. **Tyson Rewards:** This program is similar to Box Tops. There are labels on Tyson packaging that you cut out and turn into school. There is a list of participating products as well as examples of where to find the labels on each at the website below.

<http://projectaplus.tyson.com/about/getting-started.aspx>

Thank you for supporting our school  
in so many ways.

#### Looking for the label?



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and White Knight

# Save the Date

February 3, 2018 @ 6:00 PM



Dinner by Swans Landing

Entertainment by  
Big Black Cadillac

Live and Silent Auctions



#### PARENTING POINTERS

From Archdiocese of  
Louisville Family  
Ministries Office

What does it mean to conceive a child? Whether you are the mother or father, it means your life is forever changed. It is the start of enduring love and sacrifice for another being put in your care. Pause today and ponder your creative role.

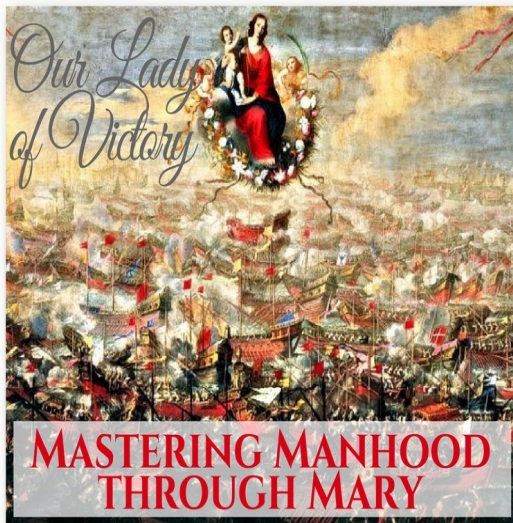
PARISH LIFE

**ATTENTION!!**

**ALL SACRISTANS, LECTORS,  
COMMUNION MINISTERS, AND 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.



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

**CONFESSION**  
THE SACRAMENT  
OF DIVINE MERCY

Monday 7 pm  
Saturday 3-4 pm  
in the main church  
or by appointment anytime

SAINT JAMES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life.  
**USCCB Respect Life Liturgy Guide 2010**



**REFLECTION.** The new image of Our Lady of Guadalupe near the baptismal font in the back of Saint James Church, represents beauty beyond description. There are many symbols incorporated in the miraculous portrait of Our Lady. However, here, we will concentrate on the black girdle or bow tied around her waist. The black girdle or **bow around the waist**, representing fertility and new life was customarily worn by Aztec mothers during pregnancy. When the explorers entered into the country now known as Mexico, they discovered human sacrifices, including one out of five children, were being offered by pagan priests to pagan gods. In the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe our Blessed Mother was pregnant and wore a black girdle or **bow around her waist**, as a sign of new life and virginity. The image communicated to the Aztec people the Virgin Mother would give birth to God the Son, and her Son would be with them during their trials and tribulations. Because of this resplendent miracle human sacrifices were discontinued, and seven to eight million Aztec people were converted to the Catholic Faith.

**Prayer.** Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life. We pray all people of good will; will work and pray for an end to human sacrifices in our day. May all peoples of Your creation respect and support, in generosity and law, all innocent human life, born and unborn.

Ed Cecil, Respect Life Committee

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*Oral & Facial Surgery Center of Kentucky*

FAITH FORMATION



RCIA will meet Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-8:00 pm at St. James School. Our focus will be, "The Blessed Mother and the Communion of Saints"



Confirmation

**1st years:** No class. Pray for those attending the Confirmation retreat!!

**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**

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Please join us for Family Faith Formation this week. Students will go to classroom and parents will meet in small groups.



No Life Night... Pray for those attending the Confirmation retreat!!



12 youth girls, Sr. Michaela, Amy Beausoleil, and Olivia took a day trip to the Dominican Motherhouse on Saturday, November 4th!



Some outstanding youth serving at the Fr. Leo event in September!



Kari Jobe Concert!



NCYC 2017



BREAKOUT! Day trip to Louisville for mass, lunch, and Breakout!



Fall kick-off event in September!



Halloween Party!!

STAY TUNED!! COMING SPRING 2018: Poker with the Priests BOYS ONLY!


PARISH LIFE



*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 Batcheldor Hall  
*All are welcome*

**Early Bulletin Deadlines– Thank you for understanding!**  
Dec. 24 & Dec. 31 Bulletin information must be received by Dec. 14  
Jan. 7 Bulletin information must be received by Dec. 27  
Please email items to: [lpoverstreet@stjames-etown.org](mailto:lpoverstreet@stjames-etown.org)

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

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL OUTREACH**  
would like to thank the Boy Scouts for helping to fill their pantry with a food drive. SVDP is very grateful for all they have done.



**Book Give-Away and Book Chats  
Coming in Jan 2018**

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Tune in to formed on the way to and from work.

**Forever Young**

**The Forever Young Club** will meet **Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 PM** in 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!

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### STEWARDSHIP



CONNECT. EDUCATE. INSPIRE.

**"But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." 2 Peter 3:13**

Advent is not a passive waiting, but an active preparation for a new heaven and new earth. Like John the Baptist, we must prepare the way of the Lord. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U.S. Bishops emphasize that we are active co-workers in God's creative plan.

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.

#### 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 \$146,375 toward our goal through the support of 359 families. 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](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA).

### ANGEL TREE



#### ***Final turn in for presents***

Help a child in Hardin county have a Merry Christmas.

**Remember, do not wrap the present.**

All presents must be turned in this weekend

December 9 & 10

### CHRISTMAS PURSE COLLECTION

A Christmas purse collection will be held after Mass

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.

### WORSHIP

#### Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/16	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/17	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/17	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Casey

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

### TODAY'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

Our readings today give us hope that Jesus is coming, but also offer a challenge to prepare the way before him. John the Baptist's words in today's Gospel point us to Jesus while challenging us to repent. In order to prepare the way and make straight his paths, we must be willing to sometimes go out on a limb and be that voice crying in the wilderness, proclaiming the mightiness of our Savior.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

#### Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



#### +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

**Mondays with Mary**

Start your week off praying the rosary with other parents, grandparents, anyone from the SJS school community is welcome!

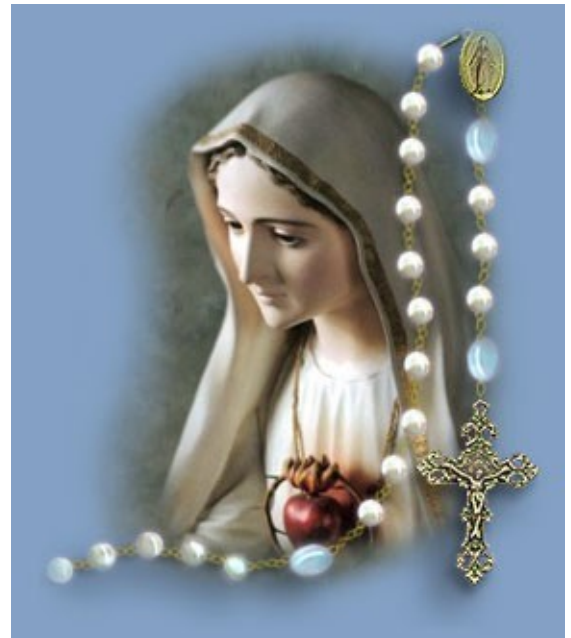
On Mondays after you drop the kids off in the car line, find a parking spot and then go into the office to sign in as a visitor.

We will meet in the school's chapel - which is upstairs, the last door on your left. Just across from the elevator.

We'll begin our Rosary after the pledge of allegiance & morning announcements. We should be done by 8:30am.

This is an informal gathering, none of us are experts-- if you pray the rosary every day, once a year, or never, you are always welcome to join us!

Mondays with Mary will take place each week that school is in session.



**St. James Room in the Inn Need** - We're almost ready for the warming shelter here at Saint James this winter. The one area where we have a crucial need is for women volunteers willing to spend the night with our guests. We are required to have 2 women and 2 men volunteers each Wednesday night spending the night. Even if you are only willing to try one night that would be a blessing to this ministry. Please contact Mimi Pike to volunteer or learn more. 270-272-4952 or [Mimi.pike35@gmail.com](mailto:Mimi.pike35@gmail.com).

Come encounter the Lord who seeks YOU!

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS

***Encounter Night***

MUSIC & PRAYER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE EUCHARISTIC LORD

**Wednesday 6-7** | *Saint James*  
**Dec. 20 PM** | *Catholic Church*

All members of the parish are invited to Encounter Christ in an evening of praise & worship, devotional prayer, and adoration.

***& Spaghetti Dinner***

A spaghetti dinner, cookie decorating, and caroling will follow until 8pm in Batchelder Hall.

RSVP by Dec 18 to Diane Paske at the Parish Office  
270-765-6268 \* [dpaske@stjames-etown.org](mailto:dpaske@stjames-etown.org)

**MARRIAGE  
MOMENTS**

From Archdiocese  
of Louisville

Family Ministries Office

Are you ready?

It's a common question as Christmas approaches, but these are sobering times with natural disasters multiplying and the threat of nuclear war present. Being ready depends on how you live today. Make today a day worthy of your life. Talk this over with your spouse.



PARISH LIFE

\* 1ST FRIDAYS \* 6:30PM \*  
SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Marriage Date Night

Potluck Dinner \* Study \* Community \* Prayer

The next Red Cross blood drive will be held in Batchelder Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on **December 10, 2017**.

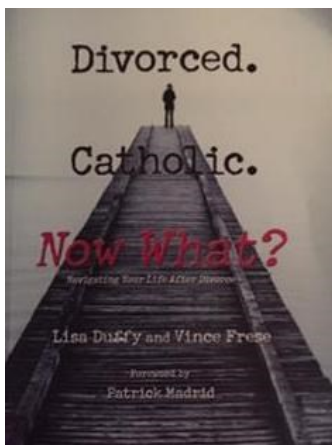
Please give the gift of life this holiday season.

Contact Joyce Solar at [Joycesolar@yahoo.com](mailto:Joycesolar@yahoo.com) for more information. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

With a grant from the Archdiocese of Louisville and the generosity of the Hispanic Community of greater Elizabethtown, this on-canvas painting of the Virgin of Guadalupe is presented as a gift to the parish of Saint James and to Saint James Catholic Church. This painting is an exact replica of the original as can be seen from the two seals of authenticity imprinted near the bottom of the painting. It was procured from the Basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico City, Mexico.

## AROUND & ABOUT

### 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 11, 2018 but participants can register all the way through February 1, 2018 and join the program in progress up until that time. Sessions are held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St Joseph Church in Bardstown, KY in the Maloney Room and further information can be found at [www.archlou.org/journeyofhope](http://www.archlou.org/journeyofhope), by emailing the Archdiocese of Louisville's Family Ministries Office at [family@archlou.org](mailto:family@archlou.org) or by calling 502-349-2922. The cost for the program is \$50, which includes materials, and scholarships are available.

Registration can be done online at <http://bit.ly/2AejNW6>.