

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES

MONDAY, December 18, 2017

6:30 p.m. +Derek Dvorjak

TUESDAY, December 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Jackie Hebert

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2017 (Mass at School)

8:00 a.m. +Ernest S. Thomas

THURSDAY, December 21, 2017 (Mass at Church)

(Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 a.m. Margaret Yuda

FRIDAY, December 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. +Larry Pete Riley

SATURDAY, December 23, 2017

(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)

5:00 p.m. +Dorothy Medley

+Grant & Pat French

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8:00 a.m. Celebrant's Discretion

10:00 a.m. Celebrant's Discretion

4:00 p.m. +Arlene Lamphere

+Terry Avenido

+Bob Zoglmann

7:00 p.m. Wanda Kauffeld

12:00 a.m. Celebrant's Discretion

+Denotes Deceased

MONDAY, December 18, 2017

12:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting, *P. O. Basement*

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

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

TUESDAY, December 19, 2017

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

12:30 p.m. St. Vincent DePaul Outreach Mtg, *RTR*

4:00 p.m. Parish & School Staff Celebration, *B.H.*

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

6:30 p.m. Exploring Catholicism, *SJS*

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

WEDNESDAY, December 20, 2017

9:15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

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

6:00 p.m. Encounter Night, *Church*

7:00 p.m. Encounter Dinner & Caroling, *B.H.*

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

THURSDAY, December 21, 2017 (School Dismissed)

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

FRIDAY, December 22, 2017 (School Dismissed)

SATURDAY, December 23, 2017

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

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

4:30 p.m. Advent Vespers, *Church*

SUNDAY, December 24, 2017

8:00 p.m. Spanish Community Christmas Party *B.H.*

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.

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

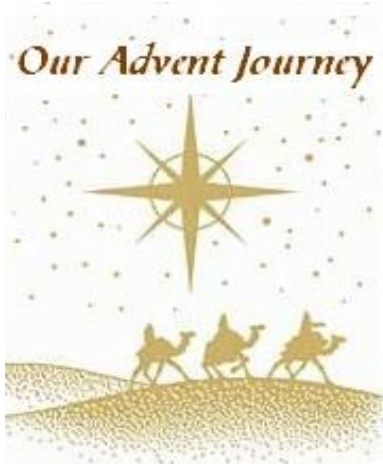
Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Bi-lingual Mass) & Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

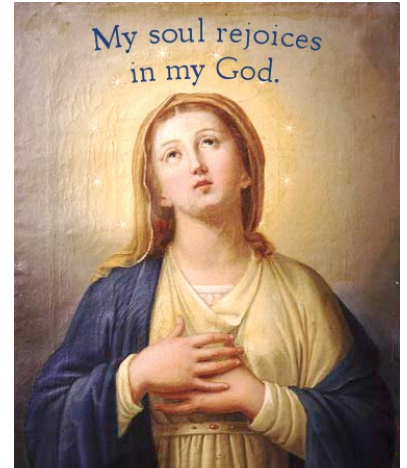
Please Note: **Eucharistic Adoration** will be canceled on December 22, December 25, and January 1.

ADVENT

Counting Down the Days to Christmas!



*"O" Antiphons are said
beginning this weekend,
December 17, in anticipation of
the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ!*



December 17 **O Wisdom of our God Most High**

December 18 **O Leader of the House of Israel**

December 19 **O Root of Jesse's Stem**

December 20 **O Key of David**

December 21 **O Radiant Dawn**

December 22 **O King of all nations and keystone of the Church**

December 23 **O Emmanuel, Giver of Law**



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

To Get Started Today: 1. Go to FORMED.org 2. Enter our **parish code** on the homepage: **CVTWTP** 3. Create a personal account with your username/email + password 4. Start enjoying the best Catholic content – *all in one place!* Tune in to formed on the way to and from work.



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)



THIRD 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>



Christmas Break

Saint James Catholic School will not be in session December 21 through January 3.

Save the Date

5th Annual Black and White Knight

February 3, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Dinner catered by Swans Landing

Live and Silent Auctions

Entertainment by Big Black Cadillac

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.

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.

PARISH LIFE

St. Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph and was expecting a child. Luke 2:4-5



REFLECTION. Advent is the season that focuses on the coming of Jesus. The joy of Advent was present with Mary and Joseph, as they were on their way to Bethlehem to participate in the census, of the entire Roman world, proclaimed by Caesar Augustus. On learning there was no room in the inn, they became fearful because the birth of the Child was drawing near.

Many mothers in our day grow fearful on discovering they are with child. Often they turn their fear into frightful action, and choose to abort their unborn child. Are we, as a community, doing all we can, with the use of legal and social means, to aid pre-born children and their mothers?

PRAYER. *May the love expressed by all people of good will for the Christ Child also be centered on all children, born and pre-born.*

Many thanks to those aiding in the removal of crosses from the Cemetery of the Innocents. Numerous people visited to pray, and some attached balloons and one name written on a cross.

Ed Cecil, Respect Life Committee

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 8:30 AM. 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.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL OUTREACH

ALL YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

We currently need the following:
Peanut Butter, Jelly and Canned Tuna

FAITH FORMATION



RCIA will meet Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-8:00 PM at St. James School. Our focus will be, "The Eucharist: Incarnation fulfilled"



No Life Night until January 7th!
Enjoy your Christmas break!

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Family Faith Formation will have a very "festive" gathering this week. On Wednesday, we will have Adoration Night in the Church, followed by Italian Dinner and Christmas Caroling in Batcheldor Hall! Please plan for your entire family to join in on some Christmas fun!



Confirmation

1st years: No Class again until January 7th!
Enjoy your Christmas break!

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

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 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.* srmartinez@stjames-etown.org

SAVE THE DATE  **Joe Farris @St. James**

Feb. 26-28, 2018
Lenten Parish Mission

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 PM | *Saint James Catholic Church*
Dec. 20

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 Batcheldor Hall.

RSVP by Dec 18 to Diane Paske at the Parish Office
270-765-6268 * dpaske@stjames-etown.org



RESISTING HAPPINESS



Book Give-Away & Book Chats

Coming in Jan 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

STEWARDSHIP



CONNECT. EDUCATE. INSPIRE.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The opposite of stewardship is self-pity and ingratitude. Stewardship is about gratitude, rendering constant thanks, and being aware of how much we've received. With that realization, giving from abundance becomes natural.

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 \$147,325 toward our goal through the support of 365 households. 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 annual collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up in our parish next weekend, to support the local services of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services, including the Sister Visitor Center, the Mother-Infant Care program, the Bakhita Empowerment Initiative to combat human trafficking, Migration and Refugee Services, Common Earth Gardens, and Common Table. Please give generously when the Catholic Charities Collection is taken up at our parish next weekend.

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:

Norms for Men Day Spa

Angel Tree Program

This year's angel tree program was a great success! We were able to help over 200 children in Hardin county. Next year we will try to support more. The Widowed Friends and I would like to extend our thanks to you. We could not have done this without the support of our Saint James parishioners. I want to thank everyone who picked up or tried to pickup a child. There will be 200 more happy children this Christmas in Hardin county. God Bless all of you and Merry Christmas.

Deacon Karl

WORSHIP

Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/23	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Deacon Bill
Sun. 12/24	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Deacon Bill
Sun. 12/24	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Deacon Bill
Sun. 12/24	4:00 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Sun. 12/24	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Martin
Mon. 12/25	12:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin
Mon. 12/25	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Martin

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

TODAY'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

The world literally grows darker each day this time of the year. But as dark as the world grows, the darkness will not overcome the light. Jesus is the light of the world. He illumines our darkness with his love and truth. We are able to sit in the darkness with confidence that the Lord is with us.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



+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*)