

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES**

**MONDAY, December 25, 2017**

*(The Nativity of the Lord) (Christmas)*

12:00 a.m. Celebrant's Discretion

10:00 a.m. +Don Reding

+Mr. & Mrs. Louis P. Wiseman

**TUESDAY, December 26, 2017**

*(Saint Stephen, The First Martyr)*

8:00 a.m. +Joe Bill Polin

+Jim & Leila Margaret Ballard

**WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2017**

*(Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist)*

8:00 a.m. +David & Nancy Buchanan

**THURSDAY, December 28, 2017**

*(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)*

8:00 a.m. Trudy & Bill Howard (60th Wedding Annv)

**FRIDAY, December 29, 2017**

*(Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)*

8:00 a.m. +David & Nancy Buchanan

**SATURDAY, December 30, 2017**

5:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo*

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2017**

*(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)*

8:00 a.m. +Robert Taylor

10:00 a.m. +Lorraine Longendyck

12:15 p.m. +Terry Avenido

5:00 p.m. Celebrant's Discretion

**MONDAY, December 25, 2017**

**(School Dismissed & Parish Office Closed)**

**TUESDAY, December 26, 2017**

**(School Dismissed & Parish Office Closed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

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

**WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2017 (School Dismissed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

9:00 a.m. Rosary Guild Meeting, Library

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

**THURSDAY, December 28, 2017 (School Dismissed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

**FRIDAY, December 29, 2017**

**(School Dismissed & Parish Office Closed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

**SATURDAY, December 30, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

3:00 p.m. Confession, Church

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2017**

1:30 p.m. Baptism, Church

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 25 & January 1.

**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.



**Merry Christmas**

**ADVENT**

*Dear Family of Faith:*

*Along with Father Casey, and the Staff of Saint James Parish and School, I wish you a blessed Christmas as we enter into the mystery of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. And I hope that being with your families during the holy season will bring abundant blessings to you. I recall from a book that I read many years ago about the Mass that the "mystical Bethlehem" is made present on the Altar. Let's anticipate such a grace during our Masses during the Christmas season.*

*We have imitated Christ in many ways during Advent. We shared with children whose Christmas may have been less than merry with our Giving Tree project. Our Boy Scout troop helped to fill-up our Saint Vincent de Paul pantry so that others will be comforted by enough to eat. The Room in the Inn ministry provided a place for those without a home to enjoy the shelter of warmth and comfort during the cold months of winter. And I have the privilege of knowing what so many of you do for others that no one else knows. You serve in humble, quiet and generous ways. God bless you!*

*As the Catechism of the Catholic Church so beautifully states, "Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us." My prayer for each of us is this: may we eagerly allow Christ to be formed in us and to make His home within us. This Christmas, like the shepherds, we too come in haste and find Mary and Joseph, and the Holy Infant lying in the manger. As we gaze upon Him, lying in the manger and present on the Altar, we offer Him the love of our hearts and ask Him to come and live in us, to come and be formed more deeply within us, so we can more and more become His people, eager to live as His disciples under the canopy of God's mercy and love.*

*If you will be away for Christmas, you will be particularly remembered in the Masses Father Casey and I celebrate this Christmas, as I ask the Infant Savior to fill you with His enduring grace and peace. And I entrust each of you and all those you love to our Blessed Mother – the perfect disciple who by her faith brought Christ into the world to be with us always and everywhere.*

*Merry Christmas!*

*Devotedly yours in Christ,*

*Martin A. Jimbael*



FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Family Faith Formation will not meet this week due to Christmas break.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA will not meet Tuesday due to Christmas break.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

LUNCH & LEARN

MEET. EAT. LEARN.

Join us for our new four part "Lunch & Learn" program!  
Rodney Thomas Room, Noon -1pm

Each month, we will host a guest speaker who will give an informative presentation on a variety of topics.  
Come once or come monthly!

RSVP & we'll have a \$6 Chick-fil-A boxed lunch waiting.

OUR NEXT "LUNCH & LEARN"

Date: January 18, 2018

Speaker: Jim Eastridge, Information Security & Technology with The Cecilian Bank

Topic: Social Media & Internet Safety

Coming Next Month:  
Social Security, The Choice of a Lifetime

RSVP to Diane Paske @ 270-765-6268



Confirmation

1st years: No Class again until January 7th! Enjoy your Christmas break! Merry Christmas from Saint James Youth Ministry!

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

BECOMING MINI-THEOLOGAINS AND EVEN BIGGER SAINTS.

No Life Night until January 7th! Enjoy your Christmas break! Merry Christmas from Saint James Youth Ministry!

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.

Join us for *Resisting Happiness* beginning January 16th.

Regular Sessions will resume this Lent.

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

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Hinton's Holiday Shoppe

SAVE THE DATE

Joe Farris @St. James

Feb. 26-28, 2018

Lenten Parish Mission



In Celebration of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

There will be a potluck dinner in Batchelor Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Multicultural Mass on Jan. 6

## 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>



#### Christmas Break

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

## Save the Date

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Today in the town of David a Savior was born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: "You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." Luke 2:11-14



**REFLECTION.** Upon receiving the message from the angel and heavenly host, the shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to witness the just received marvelous message from heaven. On arriving they found Mary, Joseph and the newborn babe lying in a manger; just like them in all things, except sin. They spread the message far and wide, spoken to them by the angel and company of heavenly hosts. At Christmas time we ponder in our hearts that God sent to us a babe; His only begotten Son, to save us from our sins.

**PRAYER.** Lord we pray all people dedicated to You will spread the word far and wide; the Prince of Peace was born on Christmas day.

Ed Cecil, Respect Life Committee

## RESISTING HAPPINESS



"The right book at the right time can be life changing.  
Resisting Happiness  
is that book."

#### SAINT VINCENT de PAUL OUTREACH

ALL YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### STEWARDSHIP



CONNECT. EDUCATE. INSPIRE.

**“Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.” Luke 1:38**

It is through Mary’s “YES” that the promise of the prophets finds fulfillment. Mary serves as a role model for all stewards.

#### 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 \$152,901 toward our goal through the support of 382 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](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA).

There is still time for you to support the 2017-2018 Operating Budget Campaign and receive a tax deduction for this year. You can request a form in the parish office or put a check in the collection basket clearly marked “Operating Budget Campaign”. Thank you to all those who have responded to our request for additional support this Fiscal Year, we appreciate the sacrifices you have made to assist the parish.

### PARISH LIFE

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR 2018? Saint James Catholic Church is in the process of placing an order for **Magnificat** – a Catholic daily devotional. You may benefit from a reduced price for the monthly book if you include your subscription with the order placed through Saint James Catholic Church. The next order placed will run from March 2018 through March 2019. **The deadline to place the order is February 21, 2018.** The annual cost for **Magnificat** is \$34.95 per subscription a saving of 10.00. If you would like to be included in the Saint James order, please contact Gail at the parish office. Checks are due at the time of order and should be made payable to Saint James Catholic Church.

### WORSHIP

#### Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mass</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>	<u>Homilist</u>
Sat. 12/30	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/31	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/31	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/31	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Casey
Sun. 12/31	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Martin	Fr. Martin

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

### TODAY’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

Sometimes, as children, we think that a special day, such as Christmas or a birthday, will never arrive, but it always does, eventually. The people of the Old Testament were waiting for centuries for the coming of the Messiah to free them. Jesus did come, but it took a long time before he was accepted.

### NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURES

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or

Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or

Hebrews 11:18, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



#### **+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)