

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT JAMES**

**MONDAY, December 24, 2018**

4:00 p.m. +Felix & Libby Ball  
7:00 p.m. Ronnie Taulbee

**TUESDAY, December 25, 2018**

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

12:00 a.m. *Missa pro populo*  
10:00 a.m. Peace Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2018 (MASS AT CHURCH)**

*(Saint Stephen, The First Martyr)*

8:00 a.m. Jim & Leila Margaret Ballard;  
+Joe Bill Polin

**THURSDAY, December 27, 2018**

*(Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist)*

8:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wiseman

**FRIDAY, December 28, 2018**

*(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)*

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Reesor &  
McCamish Families

**SATURDAY, December 29, 2018**

*(Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)*

5:00 p.m. Tommy Moore

**SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

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

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Dupont & Lyons  
Families

10:00 a.m. +Mary Baldwin & Joe Kareth

12:15 p.m. +Deacon Joe Chathaparampil

5:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

+Denotes Deceased

**MONDAY, December 24, 2018**

**(Parish Office and School Closed)**

11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass Prelude Music, Church

**TUESDAY, December 25, 2018**

**(Parish Office and School Closed)**

**WEDNESDAY, December 26, 2018**

**(Parish Office and School Closed)**

8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

4:30 p.m. Room in the Inn, Lower Level B.H.

**THURSDAY, December 27, 2018 (School Closed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

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

9:00 p.m. Men's Study Group, RTR

**FRIDAY, December 28, 2018 (School Closed)**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

10:00 a.m. Saint James Play Group, RTR #2

**SATURDAY, December 29, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

3:00 p.m. Confession, Church

**SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

**SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**



307 West Dixie Avenue  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
www.stjames-etown.org

Very Rev. Martin A. Linebach, Pastor  
Rev. Fr. M. Casey Sanders, Associate Pastor

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

5 p.m. Saturday  
8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

6:30 p.m. Monday, 8 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday  
*(If school is in session, Wednesday morning Mass is at SJS)*



## 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 [www.sjschoolonline.org](http://www.sjschoolonline.org)



Saint James Catholic School will be on Christmas break December 20 through January 2.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and White Knight**  
**February 2, 2019 @ 6:00 PM**



**Tickets on sale**  
**Starting January 3rd!**

### PARISH LIFE



Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of parishioners who have recently passed away.

**Xavier Acevedo Salgado**

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a **mandatory** updating of procedures for this ministry. We will offer four sessions in the church.

**Saturdays: January 12th & January 19th at 9 AM**  
**Tuesdays: January 15th & January 22nd at 6 PM**

We are most grateful for your stewardship, dedication, and participation in this most important ministry. If you are unable to attend, please call the parish office to schedule a time individually with Father Casey.

Any member of the parish who is interested in this ministry is encouraged to attend as well.

### PARISH LIFE

While they were there, the time came for the baby (Jesus) to be born. And Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:6-7**



**REFLECTION.** Just as there was no room for Jesus in the Inn, it is a fact that the modern age in which we live (encapsulated in a Culture of Death) there hasn't been room for millions of babies, whose lives have been unjustly ended in the wombs of their mothers. Each one of us came into being at conception. Jesus too, came into being in His human and divine natures on this earth at the moment of His conception. Our nation's laws protect born human beings. A question for our political leaders: Why, for the sake of good morality, sanity, and innocent human life, do our laws not protect pre-born human beings?

**Prayer.** *Jesus, second Person of the blessed Trinity, with a profound gratitude of thanksgiving, we thank You for coming to us as a baby. We thank the Ever Virgin Mary for her words to the angel, "Behold; I am a servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."*

**On behalf of the Respect Life Committee, may each and every member of Saint James Church have a happy and holy Christmas. Ed Cecil**

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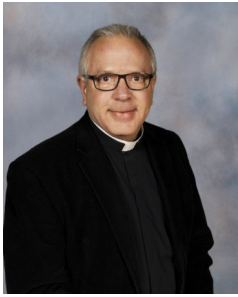
**Reminder: The parish nursery will be open for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass but will be closed December 23rd and December 30th!**



**In Celebration of the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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

STEWARDSHIP



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 gaze upon the Child – and rejoice in 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. And if like me, you will celebrate Christmas this year without a beloved family member or friend, may the Lord grant you peace and serenity that only faith provides.*

*As we celebrate during this Christmas season the birth of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, we must remember with vivid clarity why He came among us. He came to save us from our sins and offer us eternal life with God. This is the greatest gift ever given. This reality of our faith is stated very clearly in the Church's liturgy for Christmas itself. Let us ponder carefully the Opening Collect of Midnight Mass: **"O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven"** Even as the Church celebrates the first coming of Christ at Christmas, she focuses our attention on the purpose of His coming. The Eternal Son of God took flesh from the womb of the Blessed Mother and was born into our world so that He may one day draw us into the eternal gladness of Heaven. Christ humbled Himself to share in our humanity so that we would come to share in His divinity (from the prayer at the Offertory of the Mass).*

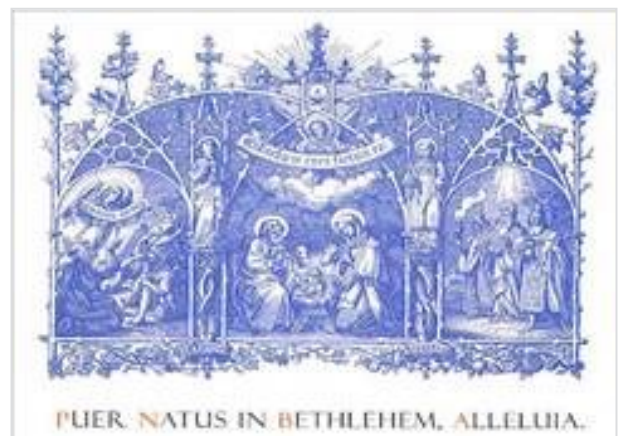
*May we please never forget this primary focus of the purpose for the Church herself. As we go about all the wonderful ministries of the Church and our Parish of Saint James, let's not forget what it's all about – the salvation of souls. We evangelize, teach, preach, care for the poor, advocate for justice, and do so many other good works so that we might bring people to a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ and to the glory of eternal life one day with God. This means that, in response to Christ's mission in the world, we all come to repentance for our sins and avail ourselves of the mercy of God shown forth in the Infant Christ of Bethlehem. And we open the door to faith – day after day - so that others will come to know, love and serve Him in this life so to be happy with Him in the next.*

*My sincere prayer for all of you this Christmas is that we come – together - to a deeper appreciation for the greatest gift God could give us. It is the gift of his Son, eternal salvation, and gladness forever with Him one day in Heaven.*

*A blessed Christmas to one and all, and all God's graces in the New Year! 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!*

*Father Martin*



PARISH LIFE



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**  
ASK. SEEK. FIND. MATTHEW 7:7  
**EXPLORING CATHOLICISM**  
Meet at Saint James Catholic School  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm  
Come Once or Come Weekly  
Contact Sr. Michaela, OP \* srmmartinez@stjames-etown.org

**Sessions resume Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**



**No classroom sessions until January 9**

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH



**RCIA** RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**RCIA will not meet this Tuesday due to Christmas Break.**

**ATTENTION:** Sacristans, Lectors, EMHCs, Ushers: Sign-up sheets for Christmas and New Year's Masses will be placed in the binder in the narthex. Christmas Masses will be on pink paper and New Year's Masses will be on yellow paper. Thank you for your service and support.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR 2019?**

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 2019 through March 2020. **The deadline to place the order is February 21, 2019.** The annual cost for Magnificat is \$36.00 per subscription, a savings 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.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL OUTREACH**

**We would like to thank the boy scouts and ALL parishioners for their support this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



*Confirmation*



**Youth & Confirmation will resume in January!**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Saint James Men's Retreat**

**All men of Saint James Parish Are invited to join us April 12-14, 2019 at Bethany Retreat House, Dickson, TN**



Fee: \$175, Private Room, Home-cooked Meals  
\*Scholarships available. Contact Fr. Martin at [frmlinebach@stjames-etown.org](mailto:frmlinebach@stjames-etown.org)  
Registration fee non refundable after February 12.

**For more information or to register call the parish office at 270-765-6268**



**Saint James Parish Picnic Volunteer Meeting**

The Parish Pastoral Council has joined with the SJS PTO to begin making plans for a Saint James Parish Picnic in 2019. This initiative received a lot of interest during our parish discernment process and we are looking forward to bringing it to fruition! There will be a volunteer meeting at **6 p.m. Thursday, January 10** in the Rodney Thomas Room, so mark your calendar and plan to attend to learn more about the event and how you can be involved in building community among our parish and school communities.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### WORSHIP

#### Celebrant/ Homilist Schedule at Saint James

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Homilist
Sat 12/29	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Deacon Karl
Sun 12/30	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Deacon Karl
Sun 12/30	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Casey	Deacon Karl
Sun 12/30	12:15 p.m.	Fr. Casey	Deacon Karl

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

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

In a few days, we will celebrate the great gift that God has given to humanity two thousand years ago: the gift of Jesus. Jesus comes as Savior of the world and as the majestic King – but also as a Shepherd who cares deeply and personally for each one of us on our journey. He is truly God's gift to us.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

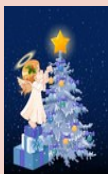
#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



First Reading:  
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Second Reading:  
1 John 3:1-2, 21, 24

Gospel:  
Luke 2:41-52



On behalf of all the members of the Widowed Friends and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their help in this year's Angel Tree program. We collected more than 114 gifts and several hundred dollars for the children of Hardin County. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God Bless, Deacon Karl

### PARISH LIFE

## Stewardship of Treasure

### Weekend of December 15th and 16th

Weekly Budget	\$	58,443
Weekly Actual	\$	45,436
Over/Short	\$	(13,007)
Budget (YTD)	\$	1,314,975
Actual (YTD)	\$	1,162,019
Over/Short	\$	(152,957)

July 1, 2018 - November 30, 2018

### Additional Donations

Church Parking Lot	\$	20,000
Blessed Mother Statue	\$	3,000
Undesignated Needs of the Church	\$	5,000
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>28,000</b>

**SVDP REMINDER:** Donations to the local St. Vincent de Paul Outreach **MUST** now be made out to St. Vincent de Paul Outreach **NOT** to Saint James Catholic Church. Cash is still acceptable and donations are tax deductible. Thank you!



#### 2018 Catholic Services Appeal

Bringing Christ to Others

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2018

Catholic Services Appeal. To date we have **surpassed** our goal with \$167,172 through the support of 381 households. During this season on Advent, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA).



**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.