

MASS INTENTIONS

Masses held at St. James School and the Convent are not open to the public due to COVID-19. Thank you.

MONDAY, December 21, 2020

(St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church)

6:00 p.m. +Derek Dvorjak

TUESDAY, December 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. +Tom Lynch

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020

(St. John of Kanty, Priest)

8:00 a.m. +Cecilianna Phillips

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020

(Nativity of the Lord)

2:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo*

4:00 p.m. +Terry Avenido

7:00 p.m. +Deceased members of the
Parsons & Nethers Families

FRIDAY, December 25, 2020

(Nativity of the Lord)

Midnight + Gene and Joan Hartlage & George Walker

10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, December 26, 2020

(SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR)

8:00 a.m. *Missa pro populo*

5:00 p.m. +Jim Ballard, Leila Margaret Ballard &
Joe Bill Polin

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020

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

8:00 a.m. *Missa pro populo*

10:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wiseman **(Incense)**

12:00 p.m. +Pat & Grant French

3:00 p.m. +Orlando Gonzalez

+Denotes deceased.

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, December 21, 2020

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, *Church*

6:30 p.m. Confessions, *Church*

7:00 p.m. Hispanic Women's Prayer Group, *RTR*

TUESDAY, December 22, 2020

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

WEDNESDAY, December 23, 2020

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

5:00 p.m. Room in the Inn Shelter

THURSDAY, December 24, 2020

2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass over-flow, *BH*

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass over-flow, *BH*

FRIDAY, December 25, 2020

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass over-flow, *BH*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass over-flow, *BH*

SATURDAY, December 26, 2020

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

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

SUNDAY, December 27, 2020

1:15 p.m. Hispanic Confirmation Prep, *RTR*

1:30 p.m. Baptisms, *Church*

6:30 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation Prep, *BH*

**Schedule is subject to change in the event of a funeral.*

Eucharistic Adoration ~ 20th anniversary Testimonials.

"I am a St. James parishioner and I would like to share my experience with Holy Hours. As a lifelong Catholic and student of Catholic schools from elementary through college, I have always prayed. However, this Holy Hour really allows me the time to think and truly meditate around God's grace and the blessings I have in my life. I look forward to this time to truly get closer to God. I am so thankful that St. James offers this opportunity to share time with myself and God. Join me in giving one hour of your time per week in adoration of Jesus Christ for an increase in vocations." ~ DP, a Saint James Parish.

To schedule an hour, call 270-737-5213.

You'll be pleased you did!

2019-20 Parish Pastoral Council Members

Rev. Michael T. Wimsatt, Pastor

Rev. Kirby Rust, Associate Pastor

Rev. Juan L. Gomez, Associate Pastor

Lou Edmondson, Chair

Greg Schrecke, Finance/Administration

Cherri Ellis-Reeves, Secretary

Sister Augusta, Faith Formation

Paula Knowles, Stewardship/Mission Advancement

Jeff Lanz, Worship

Coty Oropilla, School Board Liaison

Mimi Pike, Social Concerns/Outreach

Lorna Vertrees, Parish Life

Grace Filburn, Youth Representative

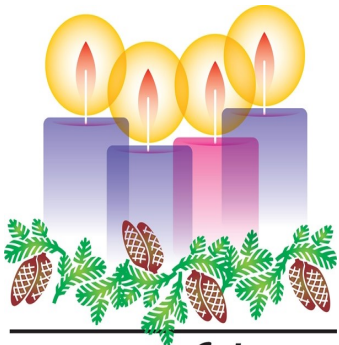
Sister Marie Hannah Seiler, O.P., School Principal

Jennifer Hartlage Moran, Dir. of Mission Advancement

Daniel & Jackie Ortiz, Liaisons for Hispanic Ministries

*You can contact the parish council via email at:
parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org.*

COMUNIDAD HISPANA



**4to Domingo
De Adviento
Comunidad Hispana**

Misa Dominical en Español Todos los domingos a las 3pm, Continuamos siguiendo las indicaciones sanitarias, así que no olvides tu cubrebocas!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Oficina Parroquial

Abierta de Lunes a Viernes de 8 am a 12 pm y de 1 pm a 4:30 pm. Numero de Telefono (270)765-6268

Confesiones en Español

Todos Los Domingos 2:15 pm

Pláticas de Bautismo, Matrimonio y Confirmacion

Contactar a la oficina parroquial con el Padre Juan Luis Orozco,

HORA SANTA - ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

Todos los jueves 7pm, completamente en español, con cantos y alabanzas,

Misa De Navidad

Jueves 24 de diciembre tendremos nuestra misa de Navidad a las 7pm completamente en español,

Integrantes al Coro en Español de la Parroquia

Si a usted le gusta cantar or toca algun instrumento lo invitamos hacer parte del coro de la Iglesia, mas detalles con Tim

Facebook Pagina Oficial

Saint James Ministerio Hispano En nuestra pagina publicamos todos los servicios, Busque nuestro blog tambien en **Telegram**, ahi tambien compartimos los anuncios,

PARISH LIFE



The Incarnation - "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2).

Please pray that all who are pregnant and afraid may welcome the life within them, and draw strength from the angel Gabriel's words to Mary: Do not fear.

La Encarnación

Los creyentes en Cristo deben, de modo particular, defender y promover este derecho, conscientes de la maravillosa verdad recordada por el Concilio Vaticano II: « El Hijo de Dios, con su encarnación, se ha unido, en cierto modo, con todo hombre ». En efecto, en este acontecimiento salvífico se revela a la humanidad no sólo el amor infinito de Dios que « tanto amó al mundo que dio a su Hijo único » (Jn 3, 16), sino también el valor incomparable de cada persona humana. La Iglesia, escrutando asiduamente el misterio de la Redención, descubre con renovado asombro este valor y se siente llamada a anunciar a los hombres de todos los tiempos este « evangelio », fuente de esperanza inquebrantable y de verdadera alegría para cada época de la historia. El Evangelio del amor de Dios al hombre, el Evangelio de la dignidad de la persona y el Evangelio de la vida son un único e indivisible Evangelio. (Ioannes Paulus PP. II, Evangelium vitae n.2)

Que todas las mujeres que están embarazadas y temen puedan acoger la vida dentro de ellas, y sacar fuerza de las palabras del Ángel Gabriel a Maria: no temáis, roguemos al Señor...

Priests for Life

Thank you to the more than 70 who showed up to recover, clean, pack and ship the more than 2,500 crosses of the Cemetery of the Innocents. Amazingly, the task was completed in only two hours! You are one mighty, eager, effective, intelligently proactive, and astonishing group!

The St. James Respect Life Committee and the Right to Life Kentucky Heartland Association are deeply grateful to each one of you, and very proud to be associated with you. Thank you.

We wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

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 Online at www.sjschoolonline.org or call 270-765-7011.

PARISH LIFE

ATTENTION: Sacristans, Lectors, EMHC & Ushers. Volunteer sign-up sheets for our upcoming Christmas Masses, and for the Mary, Mother of God Holy Day Masses will be in the Ministry Sign-in binder in the narthex. We will need extra EMHC at the Christmas Masses to be ready to transfer the Blessed Sacrament to Batcheldor Hall, if there is any over-flow seating taking place at any of the Christmas Masses. Thank you all for your dedicated service to the parish in fulfilling the needs of these ministries.



Annual St James Christmas Purse

Here at St. James we are continually blessed by the dedicated service of our priests, deacons, staff and volunteers. All of these people continue to put in

many hours improving and keeping our church and school in tiptop shape. Please join the St. James Parish family in a resounding expression of "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and THANK YOU to these individuals by contributing to this annual collection.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 1455 will be at the doors of church after each Mass on the following Saturdays and Sundays: December 5th & 6th, December 12th & 13th, and again December 19th & 20th, to accept any monetary donation you care to make toward this purse. You may give your donation (**cash, or check - made payable to the Knights of Columbus**) to any of these KC Members.

If you prefer you may drop it off at Clark Jewelers located at 510 West Poplar St, or you can mail your donation to the Elizabethtown Council #1455 at 1851 Leitchfield Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

If you know homebound parishioners that would like a bulletin, let us know their name, address, and phone number. Call the parish office at 270-765-6268 or send email to parishoffice@stjames-etown.org.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES: Diocesan Publications requests earlier submission of bulletins in December. Deadlines are a day sooner in December and **the December 27th bulletin will be submitted on December 18th.**


Bulletin Deadline: MONDAY, the week before publication. Please email items to: dsears@stjames-etown.org



We will make every effort to have weekday Mass at St. James Church even in the event that St. James School is delayed or closed because of the weather. We will also make every effort to keep the parish office open for regular business hours under the same circumstances.

Please use appropriate caution when deciding whether or not inclement weather allows you to safely travel to and from St. James Church for Mass. Also, please note that the parking lot and walkways surrounding may or may not be cleared of snow and ice depending on the availability of our maintenance staff.

Eucharistic Adoration during inclement weather will be as regularly scheduled and follow the daily Mass schedule. The status of afternoon and evening events at St. James Church will be communicated by the leader of the activity. Thank You!



Marquette Method of Natural Family Planning

ONLINE CLASSES AVAILABLE
Individual classes available by request.

Group Classes:
Monday, January 11, 2021 7PM EST
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 7PM EST
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7PM EST

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER CONTACT:
[Angela Hobbs, RN, BSN](mailto:Angela.Hobbs@BSN.giftofyourfertility.com)
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The Marquette Method of Natural Family Planning teaches a couple to monitor the natural signs of their fertility to aid them in planning their family.

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FAITH FORMATION

What's Happening This Month



Next Baptism Preparation Class: Sunday, January 3, following the 10 AM Mass in the Rodney Thomas Room

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Sr. Mary Agnes for more information (srmagnes@stjames-etown.org).

1st Communion & 1st Reconciliation Preparation Classes

Parents and students will meet once a month at 9:00 AM in the Rodney Thomas Room. The next class will be on **Sunday, January 24.**

Please contact Sr. Mary Agnes for more information (srmagnes@stjames-etown.org).

Confirmation Preparation Class (9th & 10th Grade) & Youth Group (11th & 12th Grade):

Contact Fr. Kirby for more information (frkrust@stjames-etown.org).

Please be attentive to email and remind for updates as we monitor the COVID-19 situation.

Family Faith Formation (FFF):

We meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays on the Church campus!

- Wednesday, 12/23 - No class - Merry Christmas!
- Wednesday, 12/30 - No class - Happy New Year!
- Wednesday, 1/6 - Family Team Night

Please contact Sr. Augusta for more information (sranickel@stjames-etown.org).



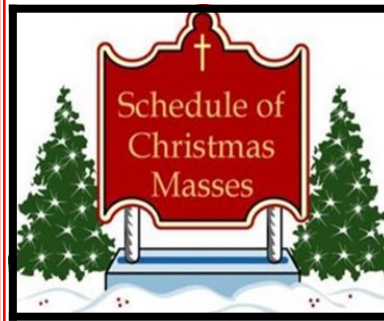
Meets weekly in the Parish Office basement after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday.

Contact Sr. Augusta for more information (sranickel@stjames-etown.org).

Please keep those in RCIA at our parish in your prayers!

Catechumens: Kaleb Adams & Joey Dixon

Candidates: Ryan Flowers, Marilyn Johnston, Callie Lopez, Heather Parisi, and PJ Postma.



We will have an additional Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve this year to help alleviate over-crowding. In order to follow "Healthy at Worship" guidelines,

we will use Batchelor Hall to accommodate overflow seating at all Christmas Eve Mass and again on Christmas Day Mass. Mass will be livestreamed to Batchelor Hall as well. The Schedule of Christmas Masses is below.

Thursday, December 24 - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, December 24 - Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.



- For the **whole family:** Family Faith Formation on Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. in BH

- For **men:** small group study on 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 9:00 p.m. in RTR

- For **women:**

- o Catholic Women of St. James (CWOSJ) on Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. in RTR

- o Small group study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 8:30 p.m. in RTR

- For **married & engaged couples:** Marriage Date Night (*watch the bulletin/enews for upcoming events!*)

- For **adults:** Exploring Catholicism on 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ 6:30 p.m. in BH

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

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

"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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Support our Saint James Rosary Guild:

The Saint James Rosary Guild has rosaries for sale starting at \$25.00. You can purchase one or more of these rosaries in the parish office.

Access weekly Mass online - www.stjames-etown.org
Scroll down, and click "News".

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Saint James has not been able to welcome our new parishioners in our usual party fashion. Since our last event in 2019 we have added 49 new families to our Saint James Community. Starting during the Advent Season we will publish the names by month of our new parishioners added during this pandemic.

April 2020

Elizabeth Dopita

Peggy Blackburn

Joseph and Frances Schneider and family

Morgan Bury

May 2020

Pat and Susan Dishaw

June 2020

Megan Williams

Mary Rigney and family

Tim Watts

Charles and Kristen Vanderhoof

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of December 12th / 13th

Amount Collected \$18,969.97

**NOTE: Collections that are paid through automatic withdrawals are drafted on the last business day of the month.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Black & White Knight Live!

Online Auction to support Saint James Catholic School

Black & White Knight LIVE

January 31 through February 6

We are unable to host our traditional Black & White Knight event this year; however, we plan to host an online auction during Catholic Schools Week that will support SJS. The auction will include class projects, themed baskets and several specialty items. **You will not want to miss this!**

There will be more information to follow, so continue to watch the parish bulletin and ENews for more information.



Thank you to all those who have responded to the year end giving request that was shared with parishioners last month. Our parish has received \$61,000 from the appeal to assist in replacing the HVAC units in the church, purchasing a new phone system for the parish and school, providing picnic tables for our students at SJS, supporting the tuition assistance fund and assisting us in retiring the school debt. Our parishioners continue to be so generous in providing for the parish and school and we are truly grateful. *There is still time to provide a year-end gift. Please contact Jennifer Moran at jmoran@stjames-etown.org or 270-765-6268 for more information.*

Parishioners who want to advertise in our bulletin should contact our bulletin rep., Adam West, at 614-867-1396 or awest@diocesean.com.