

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, April 12, 2021

6:00 p.m. + Nicholas Stevenson

TUESDAY, April 13, 2021

(Saint Martin I, Pope & Martyr)

8:00 a.m. + James Jordan Liebert

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Tai Le **(School)**

8:00 a.m. FOR HEALING: Lucy Hansen **(Church)**

THURSDAY, April 15, 2021

7:00 a.m. + James Liebert **(Convent)**

8:00 a.m. FOR HEALING: Nicholas Martin

FRIDAY, April 16, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Frank & Phoebe Lex

SATURDAY, April 17, 2021

8:00 a.m. + Tom Klapheke

5:00 p.m. + Mary Frances Van Meter

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021

(Third Sunday of Easter)

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

10:00 a.m. + Dorothy Dixon

12:00 p.m. + Agnes Decker & Tony Tillett

3:00 p.m. + John Shugrue

+Denotes deceased.



Saint James Catholic Church

307 West Dixie Avenue
Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Rev. Michael Wimsatt, Pastor
Rev. Kirby Rust, Associate Pastor
Rev. Juan L. Gomez, Associate Pastor

Phone numbers:

Parish Office 270-765-6268
School Office 270-765-7011
St. Vincent de Paul 270-763-4249

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration Hours:

Monday: 6:30-8:00 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, April 12, 2021

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

6:45 p.m. Confessions, *Church*

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

TUESDAY, April 13, 2021

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

12:00 p.m. Health & Wellness Committee, *RTRs*

6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, *RTR*

WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2021

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

9:30 a.m. CWOSJ, *RTR*

6:30 p.m. FFF—Family Team Night, *RTR & B.H.*

THURSDAY, April 15, 2021

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

12:00 p.m. Consecration to St. Joseph Group, *RTR*

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Hombres, *Library*

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

8:30 p.m. Women's Study Group, *RTR*

FRIDAY, April 16, 2021

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

9:00 a.m. Homeschool Group, *RTRs*

6:00 p.m. Men of God Retreat, *B.H. & RTRs*

SATURDAY, April 17, 2021

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

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

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021

11:00 a.m. RCIA Class, *RTR & B.H.*

11:00 a.m. 1st Communion Retreat, *RTR & B.H.*

1:30 p.m. Hispanic 1st Comm. & Adult Faith, *RTRs*

4:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 303 Meeting, *B.H. & RTRs*

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

7:00 p.m. RCIA - New Group, *P.O. Basement*

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

Eucharistic Adoration ~ 20th anniversary

"I made a commitment to regular Eucharistic Adoration after the first St. James men's retreat at the Bethany Retreat House. Spending time with our Lord in Adoration has brought me an unbelievable amount of peace. To be with Him, praying to Him and talking to Him, is one of the best hours of my week. I have come to realize that the only way I can be happy with Him in Heaven, is to build my relationship with Him while on earth. It may sound odd, but if I don't want to spend time with Him now, why do I think I would want to spend time with Him when I am dead? I invite you to come and know Him." *(parishioner)*



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

Sunday of Divine Mercy

PARISH LIFE

Domingo de Pascua:

2do Easter Sunday, Divina Misericordia

Comunidad Hispana

Misa Dominical en Español

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

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 2:30 pm

HORA SANTA:

Todos los jueves a las 7pm

Platicas De Bautismo:

Sabado 8 de mayo, si usted quiere bautizar tiene que llamar a la oficina y agendar una cita con el padre Juan Luis or Fabiola, Para la registracion del Bautizado.

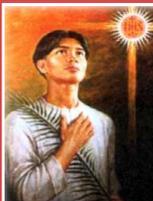
MISAL EN ESPAÑOL:

Atencion feligreses se esta dando de nuevo el Misal, este libro se lo tienen que llevar para su casa y traerlo el domingo, NO lo pueden dejar en la banca, ya que si usted lo deja se desechara y no se trata de Eso, hay que estar conscientes del COVID.

Lectores Para La Misa: Acerquese con Rocio Amescua; para colaborar en la misa.

Facebook Pagina Oficial y TELEGRAM baja la APP.

Saint James Ministerio Hispano



Saint Pedro Calungsod - was born c. 1654, in the Visayas region of the Philippines. His love for Christ inspired him to train as a catechist with the Jesuit missionaries there. In 1668, he accompanied Fr. Diego Luis de San Vitores to the Marianas Islands in order to evangelize the Chamorro people. Missionaries there faced persecution arising from envy and slander. Pedro, however, displayed deep faith and charity and continued to catechize his many converts, giving witness to Christ by a life of purity and dedication to the Gospel. His desire to win souls for Christ made him resolute in accepting martyrdom. He died on 2 April, 1672. Witnesses record that Pedro could have fled but chose to stay at Fr. Diego's side. The priest was able to give Pedro absolution before he himself was killed. May the example and courageous witness of Pedro Calungsod inspire the dear people of the Philippines to announce the Kingdom bravely and to win souls for God! ~ (Pope Benedict XVI's canonization homily for Saint Pedro) Beatified: 5 March 2000 by Pope John Paul II at Vatican City. Canonized: 21 October 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI



The Chaplet

Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement.

Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13).

In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

Please pray that as the apostles put their resources at the service of the needy, so we may support the efforts of pregnancy resource centers (Clarity Solutions) that provide alternatives to abortion. *Priests for Life*

Clarity's annual fundraising event will be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. This year there will be no meal but the program will include special music from The Mark Melloan Band and the keynote speaker is Pam Tebow. The event will be held at Severns Valley Baptist Church, 1100 Ring Road, 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Seating begins at 6:00 P.M. RSVP by calling Maegan at 270-401-3928 or email maegan@clarityky.com as soon as possible and before April 15, 2021. More information can be found at : www.supportclarity.org.

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

WE'RE HIRING

- Assistant Principal
- Middle School Language Arts/English Teacher
- Part-time Art Teacher

SJS Saint James Catholic School

APPLY ONLINE AT
[sjschoolonline.org/careers](https://www.sjschoolonline.org/careers)



Saint James Catholic Church is seeking a Business Manager. The ideal candidate for this position is a proficient multi-tasker, is reliable and committed to consistently meeting deadlines, and has excellent organizational skills. The successful candidate should have experience with data entry and recordkeeping, proficient in Microsoft Office programs especially Excel, and knowledge in accounting and accounting software programs. This position is full-time with benefits. We offer an excellent benefits package with vacation and sick pay. Interested candidates should submit their cover letter and resume to: Saint James Catholic Church; Attn: Alaina Ray; 307 W. Dixie Avenue; Elizabethtown, KY 42701, or electronic submission to: aray@stjames-etown.org



Divine Mercy Celebration— Our annual Divine Mercy Celebration will take place THIS Sunday, April 11th @ 2:45 p.m. This year's celebration will begin immediately prior to the Mass in Spanish.

We will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in both English and Spanish and at the conclusion of the Divine Mercy Celebration, the Mass in Spanish will begin.

Please join us for this annual celebration of the Divine Mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



The Saint James Catholic School PTO offers a \$1,000 scholarship each year for a high school senior who attended Saint James Catholic

School. The scholarship assists students as they aspire to continue their education by attending a college, university or trade school. The application is now available on the [sjschoolonline.org](https://www.sjschoolonline.org) website – click on support us and choose PTO to access it. You may also pick up an application in the parish or school office.

The deadline to apply is Friday, April 16, so be sure to access the application now!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Youth Cantors - Saint James Church, Director of Music Ministries, Tim Watts, is planning to work with children and youth, to develop more cantors. We hope for them to sing occasionally at Sunday Masses in April, May and June. If you or perhaps your children or grand children are interested in music ministry, please contact Tim Watts at: twatts@stjames-etown.org. Thank you.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Wednesday, the week prior to publication.
Email items to: dsears@stjames-etown.org

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.

**MARQUETTE METHOD OF NATURAL
FAMILY PLANNING INTRODUCTORY
CLASS**

Tuesday, April 20th 6:30-8PM

St. James Catholic Church- Elizabethtown

For more information and to register:
Angela Hobbs, RN, BSN
Certified Marquette Method Instructor
(270)735-3883
angela@giftofyourfertility.com
www.giftofyourfertility.com

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FAITH FORMATION

What's Happening This Month



Next Baptism Preparation Class: Sunday, May 2nd following the 10 a.m. 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

The next class will be **Sunday, April 18th from 11 a.m. ~ 1 p.m. in the Rodney Thomas Room for our 1st Communion Retreat.**

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

Confirmation Preparation Class (9th grade) & Youth Group (10th - 12th grade):

Join us on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on the church campus!

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

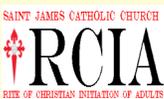
Family Faith Formation (FFF):



We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays on the Church campus!

- Wednesday, 4/14 - Family Team Night
- Wednesday, 4/21 - Exploring Catholicism
- Wednesday, 4/28 - Prayer & Praise Night

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



Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Sr. Augusta for more information (sranickel@stjames-etown.org)

SENIOR NEEDS SURVEY - The Saint James Strategic Plan, shared with the parish in February 2021, identified several areas of focus within our faith formation efforts. One of these was to assess the **faith formation needs for parishioners 55 years of age and older.** We are eager to gather feedback from our senior (55+) members and plan future programming according to their input! Please find a link to a brief survey on the parish website. Your response is requested **by Friday, April 23.** If you have any questions, please contact Lorna Vertrees (lvertrees94@comcast.net or 270-766-8687) or Sister Augusta (in the parish office).

EXPLORING CATHOLICISM

Wednesday, April 21
6:30 - 8 p.m.



"Rules for the Discernment of Spirits According to St. Ignatius of Loyola"

with

FR. MICHAEL WIMSATT

How do we learn to discern God's will? Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed 14 rules for the discernment of spirits which continue to offer a path of wisdom for daily living. All high school youth and adults are invited to join our pastor to learn these rules, their practical application, and benefits.

Teaching Family Life

2 sessions to help parents understand & teach the dignity of human sexuality to 5th & 6th grade students!

Open to ALL 5th & 6th grade parents & guardians!

required for school families

Not a school family? RSVP to Sr. Augusta by April 19! (sranickel@stjames-etown.org)

Parent Preview Night
Wed., April 21

PART 1: Parents only
required for school families
Led by Jamie & Angela Hobbs
6:30-8pm at SJS

Family Life Workshop
Sat., May 8

PART 2: Parents & Students
required for school families
Led by Jamie & Angela Hobbs, assisted by the Sisters
9am-Noon in Batcheldor Hall

"The human body includes right from the beginning...the capacity of expressing love, that love in which the person becomes a gift – and by means of this gift – fulfills the meaning of his being and existence." ~ Pope St. John Paul II

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 2021
PURPOSE:**



To discuss parish-wide committee activities and needs to include implementing the strategic plan.

Committee Reports.

Faith Formation (Sister Augusta)

- The Lenten Parish Mission "Living in God's Presence" featured recorded presentations by globally recognized author Father Jacques Philippe. Sister Mary Agnes, OP, facilitated each of the Sunday sessions.
- Marriage Date Night continues.
- Grade level faith formation will be offered.
- RCIA has two catechumens and one candidate preparing for the Easter Vigil. Twelve others are in the RCIA journey but will not come in the church this Easter.
- This year is devoted to Saint Joseph. Join fellow parishioners for a Consecration to Saint Joseph beginning April 11-May 13. Parishioners may attend in person or by Zoom. Visit the Saint James website to register or contact Sister Mary Agnes.

Finance (Eric Filburn for Greg Schreacke)

The Finance Committee met on March 15. The immediate goals are to get a new roof on the school and to set up a long-term maintenance program in the school's budget.

Mission Advancement and Stewardship (Jennifer Moran)

- Saint James School (SJS) completed its early enrollment for current SJS families two weeks prior to open enrollment. PreK-grade 8 has retained 90% of its students despite 18 students withdrawing. Exit surveys were sent to those leaving to better determine the reasons for their departure. A large loss occurred with five preschoolers not returning for kindergarten. Eight students K-8 have not yet reenrolled. There will be a preschool push in April.
- There was a mass exit in 2020 directly related to COVID concerns. Ten of those students are returning to SJS in the 2021-2022 school year – they have been given advanced opportunity to register as returning students.
- School tours successfully continue.
- **Projected** enrollment is 355, up 13 from last year. Current enrollment is 342 (preschool-grade 8). This is a good number since we are a tuition-based school. Jennifer reported that the school will have to get creative in classrooms on spacing requirements if COVID restrictions remain. This may result in split grade class if a child needs extra help in understanding. No more than 25 students in a classroom, 50 students to each grade.

Parish Life (Lorna Vetrees)

- Forever Young, Widow Friends Group, Bereavement, Cultural Diversity and the Rosary Making committees have not met this year.
- The Playgroup will expand this year.
- The Knights of Columbus (KC) Brotherhood Banquet was held virtually.
- The 2021 Parish Picnic committee has met twice.

School Board (Coty Oropilla)

- A service project to give care baskets is underway in memory of Tai Lee, a SJS student killed in a car accident.
- The SJS Passion Play will be the end of the month.
- April 5-9 is spring break.
- Black & White Knight was held virtually and made \$25,000.00.
- Eighty percent of school staff has been vaccinated.
- MAP scores are trending higher than some other schools in Louisville Archdiocese.

Social Concerns (Mimi Pike)

- Room in the Inn ended February 28th. This year SVDP Outreach helped with coats. Room in the Inn served over 80 people. It was successful having it at the old fire department. The city will help them look for a new space to be in this winter.
- AD Alicna's trailer was stolen from the locked lot in back of St. Vincent DePaul store. The store has been robbed several times. New 360-degree lighting will be installed.

Worship (Jeff Lanz)

- Applicable committees are preparing for Easter.

Youth (Father Kirby)

Confirmation went well.

Strategic Plan Implementation.

Communication Pillar (Jennifer Moran and Randy Moore)

- The parish-wide survey confirmed that current communication is good, yet we need social media via Facebook Page or an app.
- Jennifer asked different age groups how they would like communication, texting, remind app, were also included in the communication to go along with e-news. Some still wanted paper bulletins. Ages 60-80 said text message for any changes of scheduled meetings would also be helpful. All groups need a streamlined communication to know when deadlines are.
- All of these would be labor intensive. Possibly need to hire someone for this action step. Randy suggested to look at current staff to see requirements of their jobs. He said possibly have outside perspective to look at current staff.

Evangelization (Mimi Pike, Lou Edmondson, Yana Whelan)

- The Evangelization team researched best practices with the Archdiocese of Louisville, the USSCB and other sources. Following that they met with Sister Mary Agnes to learn from her Evangelization practices. Sister Mary Agnes said to evangelize one step, one person at a time. Bring Jesus to everyone.
- The Evangelization message will start with educating parish council members.

Faith Formation (Sister Augusta, Father Kirby, Grace Filburn, Cheri Ellis-reeves)

An assessment of 6-10 questions will be developed to determine the on-going faith formation needs for those 55 and over. The assessment will be administered by mail and email.

Fellowship (Coty Oropilla, Paula Knowles, Lorna Vertrees)

Stewardship Ministry Training for ministry chairs was completed earlier in March. Sister Mary Agnes and Father Michael facilitated the two sessions. The committee's next step is to research and develop an ambassador program.

Finance (Greg Schrecke, Eric Filburn)

The parish debt is decreasing from school going to tuition.

Worship (Jeff Lanz, John Godfrey, Jackie and Daniel Ortiz)

Jeff said Holy Week will look different due to COVID. Plans are underway and will be posted to the church website.

Father Kirby closed the meeting at 7:35pm.

Next Meeting – April 13, 2021

Questions/Recommendations?

Contact the parish council directly at: parishcouncil@sjschoolonline.org or [Lou Edmondson at 502.777.7025](tel:502.777.7025)

Saint James Catholic Church
Financial Summary and Statistics
For the eight months ended 2/28/2021

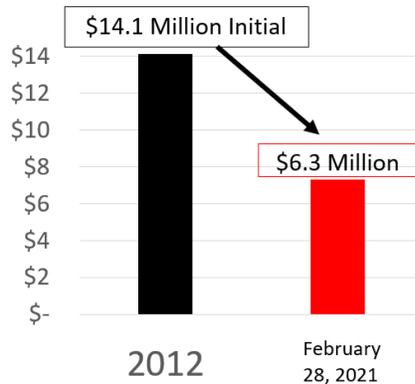
	2/28/2021	2/28/2020	Variance
Receipts			
Net Collections	\$ 1,076,013	\$ 1,343,041	\$ (267,028)
Building Fund	266,929	333,592	(66,663)
Payroll Protection Program Grant	439,300	-	439,300
Total Other Receipts (Includes Tuition)	<u>1,277,969</u>	<u>1,436,206</u>	<u>(158,237)</u>
Total Parish Receipts	<u>\$ 3,060,211</u>	<u>\$ 3,112,839</u>	<u>\$ (52,628)</u>
Operating Expenses			
Administration	\$ 584,900	\$ 600,287	\$ (15,387)
Parish Ministries	111,930	179,994	(68,064)
School	1,552,872	1,537,801	15,071
Debt Service	<u>280,037</u>	<u>306,911</u>	<u>(26,874)</u>
Total Parish Expenses	<u>\$ 2,529,739</u>	<u>\$ 2,624,993</u>	<u>\$ (95,254)</u>
Cash Flow Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 530,472</u>	<u>\$ 487,846</u>	<u>\$ 42,626</u>
General Checking Accounts	\$ 1,547,000	\$ 1,485,441	\$ 61,559
Deposits with Archdiocese	<u>597,315</u>	<u>336,118</u>	<u>261,197</u>
Total Checking and Savings	<u>\$ 2,144,315</u>	<u>\$1,821,559</u>	<u>\$ 322,756</u>
Parish Debt	<u>\$ 6,324,037</u>	<u>\$6,586,637</u>	

Financial Update through February 28, 2021

We would like to thank everyone for your service to St. James Parish this fiscal year! With your efforts, we remained a successful and vibrant parish through the adversity experienced the past twelve months. The Holy Spirit is truly with us as we journey as a Parish. The early COVID restrictions on Sunday service as well as the continued social distancing mandates resulted in a decline in collections and impacted parish other receipts. In response, the Parish applied for and received a \$439,300 grant from the Payroll Protection Program as part of the CARES Act. With this and other efforts, we have been blessed to have a year-to-date Cash Flow Surplus of \$530,472 for the first eight months of this fiscal year. This is an increase of \$42,626 from the \$487,846 surplus the same period last year. We are in a solid position to continue to support our Parish Mission and Operations.

The operating surplus helped improve our total checking and savings cash position to \$2.1 million on February 28, 2021. This is an increase of \$332,756 from \$1.8 million a year ago.

Investment in the Robinbrooke campus



We were able to pay down our debt \$262,600 over the past twelve months to a balance of \$6.3 million on February 28, 2021 compared to \$6.6 million this time last year. We have made steady progress with our investment in the Robinbrooke campus. We invested \$14.1 million in 2012 with a combination of cash, debt, and the joint capital campaign with the Archdiocese. We began amortizing the debt service in 2017 which placed an initial strain on our fiscal operations. The loan balance on February 28, 2017 was \$7.5 million. Since 2017, we have paid down the debt \$1.2 million.

We are truly grateful to all parishioners and especially the school families. The tuition-based model for funding the school significantly contributed to our improved cash position. The school tuition receipts are included in Total Other Receipts in the above financial statements. We want to thank the school families for their sacrifice and dedication.

We, as a Parish, responded in a very supportive manner with the year-end needs request. We owe a debt of gratitude to the very generous parishioners who shared a gift to assist with the projects. These gifts are in addition to the operating cash flow surplus as they were designated to specific projects. We received gifts to replace 3 HVAC units for the Church totaling \$24,640. We also received a commitment from a parishioner of \$100,000 to maintain the parking lot at the school building which will be completed this Spring. Gifts were also given to purchase picnic tables for the school, a needed phone system for both parish and school, to help reduce the school debt, assist with tuition assistance, and support the parish endowment. In total, our parish provided \$164,940 in monetary support at year end to assist both the parish and school.

The Parish received \$439,300 from the Payroll Protection Program as part of the CARES Act during 2021. This grant made a significant contribution which helped us offset the decline in net collections that occurred during the COVID shut down. Collections were down \$267,028 year to date primarily because of the shut down and restrictions on mass attendance. This will improve when we are all able to share Mass together later this year. Total Parish expense declined \$95,254 this fiscal year to date. This was partially due to no raises for staff this year with the Archdiocese compensation freeze. We appreciate the sacrifice of the entire parish and school team with the extra efforts required to keep the Parish and School safe and operational during this past year.

We certainly had a positive fiscal year so far financially for the Parish due to everyone's generosity. We pray the Holy Spirit continues to guide us as we move forward together!

God Bless!

St. James Finance Council

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common."

~ Acts 4:32

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. Stewardship not only involves sharing our possessions with others, but also sharing our ownership of those possessions with God.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

You can access the weekly bulletin and Mass online. At our parish website: www.stjames-etown.org. Scroll down to the "News" section, and click on items that you wish to view. Videos of Masses are available also.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of April 3rd / 4th

Amount Collected \$35,277.60

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

2020-21 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
Cheri 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.

Stewardship Reflection - John and Lillian Zink: St. James TV Ministry was started almost twenty years ago as a means to provide the weekly Mass to our parishioners who were in the hospital, assisted living or confined to their home. It was broadcast on Comcast through the technical services of Severns Valley Baptist Church. TV was a way to link our parishioners to their home church – St. James. And, they were so appreciative.

A digital recorder and a new computer were added six years ago to accommodate the digital age. We can now upload a file to the video sharing site YouTube. Respecting the wishes of those who sought to have Mass on the air those many years ago, we still transmit to Severns Valley for Comcast and Brandenburg Telephone Company to broadcast to those without the electronics to go to YouTube.

Now, through YouTube anyone can participate in the Mass held at St. James from anywhere in the country at any time from a computer, Smart TV or any mobile device with internet access. Broadcasting the Mass has proven to be a blessing during the pandemic when in-person participation has been restricted. This past year the Mass in Spanish was included on YouTube. During the Lenten Triduum we had live streaming of the three days leading up to Easter. When gathering and traveling is limited, we can provide live streaming of weddings and funerals. Our YouTube subscriber numbers have grown from less than 200 to over 900 in the past year.

I have been a part of the ministry almost from the start. My family members have helped me out on occasions. This family is getting older and needs HELP! Recording the Mass is not too complicated. I can tell you that if you like playing video games, you can record the Mass. And, you're a winner every time because you are bringing Mass into so many lives. It's a perfect ministry for families as well as older teens and parishioners in their 20s.

It would really be neat if we could get four or five teams to record. That way each team would be recording once a month and/or can switch when a team is not available to record. It usually takes a half hour prior to Mass to set up the equipment to record and a half hour after Mass to transmit and turn off all of the equipment. Become a part of the broadcasting family.

Thanks,
John and Lillian Zink

