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

HOLY DAYS: Please see bulletin for details.

DAILY MASSES: Monday: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The parish answering service will answer calls during the lunch hour.

### PHONE NUMBERS:

Parish Office	270-765-6268
Parish Fax	270-982-3303
Saint James Catholic School	270-765-7011
Youth Ministry	270-765-6268
Saint Vincent de Paul	270-763-4249

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS:

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

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Monday at 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Thursday at Noon; Friday at 3:00 p.m.; Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Monday 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (before and after the 6:00 p.m. Mass) Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### BAPTISMS:

Expecting a baby? Call the parish office to begin the process for preparation of baptism.

### MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR JOINING OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office at 270-765-6268 or parishoffice@stjames-etown.org

### Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 20, 2021 6:00 p.m. + Doyle Williams

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 (Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church) 8:00 a.m. + James Connelly

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 8:00 a.m. + Carol & Tom Lynch

Thursday, December 23, 2021 (Saint John of Kanty, Priest) 8:00 a.m. 50th Anniversary: Charles & Evelyn Doyle

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord) 4:00 p.m. + Pat & Grant French 7:00 p.m. + Eloy Alvarado

Saturday, December 25, 2021 (The Nativity of the Lord) 12:00 a.m. + George L. Walker 10:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wiseman and + Toots Wiseman (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

5:00 p.m. For the love of Christian Families

### Sunday, December 26, 2021 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

8:00 a.m. + Pete Riley & + Pat Riley 10:00 a.m. Missa pro populo 12:00 p.m. + Iovce Medlev Celebrant's Discretion 3:00 p.m.

+Denotes deceased.

**Christmas Mass Schedule:** 

Friday, December 24 - 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Friday, December 24 - Midnight Mass Saturday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day: Friday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.

ATTENTION: Sacristans, Lectors, EMHC & Ushers. Volunteer sign-up sheets for Christmas & Mary, Mother of God Masses are in the Ministry Sign-in binder in the narthex. Thank you all for your dedicated service to the parish!

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES**: Due to holiday hours at Diocesan Printing, bulletins for December **26th and January 2nd** will be submitted early. Items submitted to Deacon Sears will need to be received two weeks prior to those dates.

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE		
Monday, December 20, 2021		
5:00 p.m.	Confessions, Church	
6:30 p.m.	Confessions, Church	
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, Church	
6:30 p.m.	RCIA Class, Parish Office Basement	
8:00 p.m.	Posadas, Church	
Tuesday, December 21, 2021		
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, Church	
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1496 Meeting, RTR	
8:00 p.m.	Posadas, Church	
Wednesday, December 22, 2021		
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, Church	
4:30 p.m.	Room in the Inn, <i>K of C Hall</i>	
5:45 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice, <i>Loretto Ctr</i>	
8:00 p.m.	Posadas, Church	
	ecember 23, 2021	
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, <i>Church</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Eucharistic Adoration, <i>Church</i>	
8:00 p.m.	Posadas, Church	
	mber 24, 2021 (Parish Office closed)	
8:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Adoration, <i>Church</i>	
8:00 p.m.	Posadas, Church	
	cember 25, 2021	
3:00 p.m.	Confessions, Church	
	ember 26, 2021	
2:30 p.m.	Hispanic Gathering - <i>Convivio, BH</i>	
4:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack 303 Meeting, RTR	
*Schedule is subject to change in the event of a funeral.		

# **Parish Office Holiday Hours:**

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 24th & Monday, December 27th and

Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd



**Eucharistic Adoration ~ 20th Anniversary:** "I first started going to Eucharistic Adoration when I retired. I felt it could be worthwhile, but quickly realized it was a blessing for me to be there. In the peace and quiet of the

church, I can definitely feel the presence of Jesus there with me. There is no better place or time for meditation and prayer. In the brief time passing through this world, spending time in Adoration is the most worthwhile time I spend each week. I am eternally grateful that St. James Church provides this opportunity for me, and I am positive anyone who is able to participate will be greatly rewarded."  $\sim$  (parishioner)

Call 270-737-5213 to schedule an hour.

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### PARISH LIFE

### Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Comunidad Hispana-Misa Dominical en español

En este último domingo antes de Navidad, nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos prepara para presenciar el nacimiento de Cristo al mostrarnos cómo Jesús fue reconocido como el Mesías tan esperado de Israel incluso antes de su nacimiento. La historia de Juan el Bautista y sus padres, Isabel y Zacarías, se reportan sólo en el Evangelio de Lucas. Lucas empareja el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista y Jesús, estableciendo la conexión temprana de Juan con el Mesías.

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio recuerda las acciones de María después del anuncio del nacimiento de Jesús por el ángel Gabriel. María va a visitar a Isabel, su prima, que también está con un niño. Isabel saluda a María con pleno reconocimiento de los roles que ellos y sus hijos por nacer desempeñarán en el plan de Dios para la salvación. Si siguiéramos leyendo los versículos que siguen en el Evangelio de Lucas, escucharíamos a María responder al saludo de Isabel con su canto de alabanza, el Magnificat. Ambas mujeres recuerdan y se hacen eco de la historia de Dios de mostrar favor sobre el pueblo de Israel.

Es apropiado en este tiempo de Adviento que consideremos el papel de María en el plan de salvación de Dios. Isabel describe a María como la primera discípula, como la que creía que la palabra de Dios para ella se cumpliría. La fe de María le permitió reconocer la obra de Dios en la historia de su pueblo y en su propia vida. Su apertura a Dios permitió que Dios obrar a través de ella para que la salvación pudiera llegar a todos. Debido a esto, María es un modelo y símbolo de la Iglesia. Que seamos como María, abiertos y cooperativos en el plan de salvación de Dios.

Misa de Nochebuena – 24 de Diciembre a las 7 p.m.

Posadas: Diciembre 17 – 24 a las 8:00 p.m.

Saint James Ministerio Hispano ¡Bendiciones Para Todos!

**The Room in the Inn** homeless shelter ministry began on Wednesday, December 1st. Saint James hosts every Wednesday night during December, January and February. Many volunteers are needed, especially for: drivers on Wednesdays in the early evening and Thursday early mornings to drive the guests between Warm Blessings and the KC Hall, cleanup on Thursday mornings, and men and women overnight volunteers to stay with the guests. Please contact Mimi Pike if you can volunteer @ 270-272-4952 to leave a message or <u>mimi.pike35@gmail.com</u>.



# One Cannot Love the Woman without Loving Her Child

There is a curious phenomenon among Americans who consider themselves "pro-

choice". A growing number are willing to admit that abortion involves the killing of human beings. In fact, in a Los Angeles Times poll 57% called abortion "murder," including one-fourth of those who also said they "generally favored abortion." A growing number of people understand the message from the pro-life movement that abortion kills a baby. However, they are conflicted because of the proabortion message that sometimes abortion "benefits" women, who should not be deprived of the "benefit". Having accepted both messages, the majority of Americans belong to the "conflicted middle." Where this group ultimately goes is where America will ultimately go on abortion.

The difference between "pro-life" and "pro-choice" is not that pro-lifers love the baby and pro-choicers love the woman. The difference is that the "pro-choice" message says you can separate the two and the prolife message says you cannot. Pro-lifers are criticized for being "fetus-lovers" who are insensitive to women. But one cannot, and pro-lifers do not, love the child without loving the mother. Abortion defenders claim they care for women, even as they admit they are killing their children. But one cannot love the woman without loving the child. Nor can one harm the child without harming the mother.

The message must be clear that to be pro-life means to be pro-woman, and that the challenge the pro-life movement gives to society is, "Why cannot we love them both?" One reason why many who think abortion is wrong will not actively oppose it is that they think they have to make a choice between defending the rights of the baby or those of the mother, or that they have to consider the baby as more important than the mother. But the authentic pro-life message is a message of equality.

At a time when we are about to welcome the newborn Christ, our challenge is to expand the circle of welcome, love, and protection to all those expectant mothers AND their babies waiting to be born.

~ Pro-Life Articles

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### Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

### SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



We welcome all new families and offer a quality education where students can grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

Please visit us at 401 Robinbrooke Boulevard, or call 270-765-7011. Online at <u>www.sjschoolonline.org</u>



Help SJS with our Catholic Schools Week Community Service Project! Catholic Schools week is January 30-February 5. Each year during this time, the students at Saint James Catholic School participate in a school wide community service project and we are asking for your help this year as we collect boxes of cereal to donate to local food banks. We would like to collect at least 6,500 boxes of cereal throughout the month of January and are planning a very cool surprise for February 5 that may allow us to break a Guinness World Record. If you would like to help us by donating a box or boxes of cereal, you may drop off your donation after each Mass in the Narthex of the church or bring your donation to the school. We will collect cereal boxes beginning the weekend of January 1st through the weekend of January 29th. Thank you so much for your help with this project and keep a watch here for more updates as the project comes to fruition Catholic Schools Week! \*\*Just a note –please provide full size boxes of cereal, we are not able to use sinale serve boxes.

A Message from the Health & Wellness Committee -November was National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking and behavior. Though the majority of sufferers are 65 and older, it is not a normal condition of aging. Younger people can be affected by early onset of the disease. We should all be aware of the symptoms of Alzheimer's for ourselves and our loved ones. Only a thorough medical examination can determine what treatments are needed.

Today Alzheimer's is at the forefront of bio medical research in hopes that a better understanding of the brain will lead to more effective treatments and a cure.

# Parish Pastoral Council Members 2020-21

Rev. Michael Wimsatt, Pastor Rev. Loi Pham, Associate Pastor Rev. Juan Gomez, Associate Pastor Lou Edmondson, Chair Greg Schreacke, Finance/Administration Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Secretary Sister Augusta, Faith Formation Jeff Lanz, Worship Mimi Pike, Social Concerns/Outreach Lorna Vertrees, Parish Life 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.

ON, THE 🌸 🔆 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 due to 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.

### **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.

This is the final weekend that members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 1455 will be at the doors of the church after each Mass 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 K of C Members.

If you prefer, you may drop it off at Clark Jewelers located at 510 West Poplar Street by Monday, December 20th, or you can mail your donation by Friday, December 17th to the Elizabethtown Council #1455 at 1851 Leitchfield Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701.

# **FAITH FORMATION**



What's Happening This Month **Next Baptism Preparation Class:** Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

in the Rodney Thomas Room. *Pre-registration is required. Please contact* Olivia Dvorjak for more information (odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

**Family Faith Formation (FFF):** Meets Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ SJS. Next Session: Family Dinner & Caroling on Sunday, December 19th. Contact Sr. Augusta for more information (sranickel@stjames-etown.org).

### Middle School Youth Ministry (7th & 8th grade)

Meets Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ SJS. Contact Olivia Dvorjak for more information (odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

High School Youth Ministry (9th - 12th grade) Meets Sundays, 6:30- 8:00 p.m. @ Church. Contact Olivia Dvorjak for more information (odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Sr. Augusta to sign up to learn more!

The pictures below and below right are from our recent High School Youth Retreat.

It was a beautiful fall day and a wonderful event.





Thank you to all those ladies who planned, prepared, & attended this year's event it was a beautiful night of great grace!







The picture below is our entire group from our recent High School Youth Retreat.



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

### Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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First Reading:
Second Reading:
Gospel:

Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

"First he says, 'Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in.' ....He takes away the first (covenant) to establish the second." ~ Hebrews 10:8-9

The first covenant emphasized giving as a duty or obligation under the law. The new covenant emphasizes thanksgiving, gratitude, and cheerfulness - the qualities of a Christian steward.

# NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

First Reading: Second Reading: Gospel:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

# **2021 Catholic Services Appeal Bringing Christ to Others** Parish Goal: \$159,900



**Participation Goal: 345 households** Thanks to those who have responded

with a gift to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal. As of December 10th, we have raised \$119,296 toward our goal through the support of **226** households. Envelopes are at the doors of the church and gifts can be made online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

What Do You Want for Christmas? This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the infant Jesus and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas?

When we kneel before the manger and ask Jesus what He wants, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time, talents, and treasures with Him. Perhaps each of us could make a New Year's resolution to spend more time, talent, and treasure with God through our Saint James stewardship ministries.

The Saint James stewardship weekend will be January 15-16, 2022. We invite you to take these next few weeks to discern, through prayer, to which parish ministries God is calling you in 2022. Sharing of our time, talent, and treasure could be the absolute best gift we could give this year, not only to Jesus but also to ourselves. It might just be that for which our hearts are truly longing.

# **Stewardship of Treasure**

# Weekends of December 11th ~ 12th

Amount Collected

\$25,185.56

*NOTE: Collections that are paid through automatic* withdrawals are drafted in the last week of the month.

To make a contribution to the Saint James Catholic Church Endowment, contact Jennifer Moran jmoran@stjames-etown.org or 270-765-7011 ext. 110.

### Saint James Catholic Church Endowment

A gift can help Saint James Catholic Church today....and tomorrow!

The Saint James Catholic Church Endowment was established to provide a long-term financial security for the parish while supporting its mission. The endowment is meant to grow the principal of the fund while generating income each year from the interest. There is no limit to the number of donors who may contribute to the fund and a gift of any size is encouraged.

The fund has been established with the Central Kentucky Community Foundation and will remain within its management. The intention of the donor who established the fund is to provide a steady source of income for Saint James Catholic Church that will be used where most needed. The Saint James Finance Council will decide each year how to best use the income from the fund.

Anyone interested in supporting the endowment with a gift, may contact the Central Kentucky Community Foundation at 270-737-8393 or visit the website ckcf4people.org and review "our funds" under the giving tab. Please feel free to contact Jennifer Moran at 270-765-7011 ext. 110 or jmoran@stjames-etown.org with any questions.

Looking for a reasonable, cherished Christmas gift? Copies of the Saint James/Saint Ambrose/Saint Ignatius Catholic Churches' cookbook. We Gather Together, which was printed and issued in 2012 is now available for sale for only \$5.00. This would make a nice Christmas gift for those in the younger generations who have or are now starting to marry or go out on their own. Give them the delicious recipes of our parishioners, to include the keepsake recipes of our dear parishioners who have since passed away.

If you would like some copies of the cookbook, please see Gail Hereford in the St. James Parish Office. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit the St. James Picnic fund.



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