THE HOLY FAMILY OF Jesus, Mary & Joseph



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

307 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701 www.stjames-etown.org December 26, 2021

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE







STAFF: Rev. Michael T. Wimsatt, Pastor Rev. Loi Pham, Associate Pastor Rev. Juan L. Gomez, Associate Pastor William V. Clark, Deacon Karl Drerup, Deacon Sister Marie Hannah, O.P., School Principal Jennifer Hartlage Moran, Director of Mission Advancement Deacon Dean Sears, Communications Coordinator Sister Augusta, O.P., Director of Faith Formation Olivia Dvoriak.

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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 **IOINING OUR PARISH?**

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27, 2021 (Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist) 6:00 p.m. Living and deceased members of George Kauffeld

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 (*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*) 8:00 a.m. + Jim & Leila Margaret Ballard and + "Joe Bill" Polin

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 (Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord) 8:00 a.m. + David & Nancy Buchanan

Thursday, December 30, 2021 (Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord) 8:00 a.m. + Paul Wojtanowski

Friday, December 31, 2021 (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) 5:00 p.m. + "Betty" Wright

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) 10:00 a.m. + Becky Darnell (The Epiphany of the Lord) 5:00 p.m. + Veronica Carol Freeman

Sunday, January 2, 2022 (The Epiphany of the Lord) 8:00 a.m. + Kathleen Keiser 10:00 a.m. + Judith Ann Yates 12:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo* 3:00 p.m. Hispanic Community of Saint James +Denotes deceased.

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 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 Publications*, the **January 2, 2022** bulletin was submitted on Thursday, December 23rd!

Due to the change in daily Mass scheduling on Friday, December 31st and Saturday, January 1st, there will be *NO* Eucharistic Adoration on those days.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 27th and Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd.

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

Monday, December 27, 2021 (Parish Office closed) 5:00 p.m. Confessions. Church 6:30 p.m. Confessions, Church 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church Tuesday, December 28, 2021 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church Wednesday, December 29, 2021 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration. Church 4:30 p.m. Room in the Inn, K of C Hall Thursday, December 30, 2021 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 7:00 p.m. Hispanic Eucharistic Adoration, Church Friday, December 31, 2021 (Parish Office closed) 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 4:30 p.m. Room in the Inn. *RTRs 1 ~ 3* Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:00 a.m. Room in the Inn, *RTRs 1 ~ 3* 8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, PO Basement Confessions, Church 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 2, 2022 4:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 303 Meeting, RTR

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

We are now finishing our 20th year of Eucharistic Adoration here at St. James Church. Our primary goal was to increase religious vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our secondary goal was to end



abortion in our country. As a parish, we have definitely accomplished some of these goals with **four** priests ordained, **three** deacons ordained and **one** young lady in the Dominican Convent in TN.

Parishes across the country that have active Eucharistic Adoration are the ones getting all of the religious vocations. Aren't we blessed! However, we need more. We need you!

The greatest act of worship we have as Catholics is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. However, the next greatest act of worship that we Catholics can participate in is Eucharistic Adoration. Imagine if every one of our parishioners would attend two Masses per week (instead of just one on Sunday) and also attended one or two hours of Eucharistic Adoration per week. Wow! I believe our religious vocations would explode. Again, we need you to make our parish holier and to make yourselves holier. Help us to get more religious vocations and end abortion in our land.

Call 270-737-5213 to schedule an hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

PARISH LIFE

La fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José Comunidad Hispana-Misa Dominical en español



El propósito de la fiesta de hoy es animarnos a todos a tomar buenas decisiones en nuestras vidas sobre las familias en las que vivimos. La fiesta de hoy es para alentar a aquellos que están casados a tomar decisiones santas sobre su relación y sobre los hijos y sobre la crianza de los hijos. La fiesta de hoy también ayuda a aquellos que viven en otros tipos de comunidades, alentándolos a tomar buenas decisiones en términos de amarse unos a otros y preocuparse, cuidarse y responsabilisarse unos por otros.

El Evangelio nos muestra un punto en la vida de Jesús, María y José cuando Jesús comenzaba a tomar sus propias decisiones. Este es un desafío para todos los padres. Sin embargo, la única forma en que una sagrada familia puede continuar como una sagrada familia cuando los niños crezcan es este respeto por el camino del niño. Incluso cuando los niños toman malas decisiones, los padres deben respetar esas elecciones, incluso cuando pueden trabajar para ayudar al niño a entender una mala elección como mala.

El Libro de la Sabiduría, hace siglos, reconoció que a menos que aprendamos a amar a nuestras madres, padres y a nuestros hijos, la vida nunca será todo lo que debe ser. Aquellos de nosotros que oramos y celebramos esta fiesta hoy podemos desear amar a nuestros padres, ya sean vivos o muertos. Podemos desear a cualquier niño en nuestras vidas y en nuestras familias. Estas relaciones básicas de amor y respeto, basadas en Dios, ayudan a formar un mundo lleno de alegría y vida.

Oremos a la Sagrada Familia y pidamos las gracias para vivir bien los misterios de nuestras familias.

Saint James Ministerio Hispano ¡Bendiciones Para Todos!

Respect Sanctuary of Life

The family is the "Sanctuary of Life" and the basic cell of society. The Holy Family, of course, is unique. One member is God, another is sinless, and the third is a saint.

But the great lesson of today is that although God could have come into the world in any way he pleased, he chose to become a member of a family, obedient to his earthly parents, and yet totally devoted to the Heavenly Father's will, as we all must be.

He also shared the vulnerability that comes with being a member of a human family. "Herod is going to search for the child in order to destroy him." St. Joseph here plays the unspeakable role of protecting God. His readiness to do so, in the person of his child, speaks to every father about the role of protector, and to our whole society about the need we have for good fathers. The culture of life depends just as much on fathers making the right choices as on mothers doing so.

Strong families are an integral aspect of the Culture of Life....It is precisely the breakdown of family structure that increases the temptation to abort, or to resort to euthanasia or a lack of proper care for the elderly. On the other hand, the communion of persons that comes from giving oneself away to the other in selfless love is what creates the proper context for saying a generous "yes" to life. A helpful lesson to point out from the very word "family" is that it stands for: "Forget About Me; I Love You." ~ Priests For Life

The 2022 Annual National March for Life will take place in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 21st.

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>.

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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 www.sjschoolonline.org

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 communityservice 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 1^{st} through the weekend of January $29^{th}\!$

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 as we are not able to use single-serve boxes.



Learn more and apply at sjschoolonline.org/careers.



Wednesday Live Singers! The children's choir will practice each week on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. in the Loretto Center. This choir will sing occasionally at Masses at the church and the school.



Parish Pastoral Council Members 2020-21

Rev. Loi Pham, Associate 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.

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.

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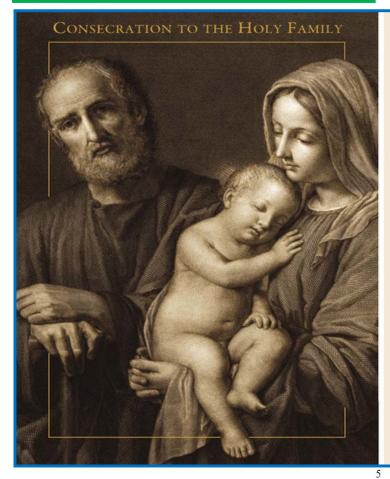
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FAITH FORMATION



"FIR" sure feeling "TREE"mendously thankful for being your Faith Formation team at Saint James! Love, Sr. Augusta and Olivia



Living Liturgically this Christmas Season!

Here are some ways to live out the birth of Jesus Christ in your homes this Christmas Season! On the Church calendar, Christmas lasts until the Baptism of Jesus on January 9th!

*Change your advent wreath to a Christmas wreath by swapping the candles out for white ones!

*Have celebratory meals for the Octave of Christmas

*Keep the Christmas tree up until the end of Christmas!

*Read about the many saints and feasts celebrated during this season, including the Holy Family, Saint Stephen, Saint John, Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Mary, Mother of God, Holy Name of Jesus, and Elizabeth Ann Seton.



*Read about the meaning behind the 12 days of Christmas! (Scan the QR Code!!)

FAITH FORMATION QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Becoming Catholic? First Communion Prep? Family Faith Formation? Religious Education? Baptism? Marriage? Iiddle School/High School Young Adult?

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O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

THIS 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

"....Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ~ Luke 2:49

Even at a young age, Jesus understood that he was to be a steward of his Father's will. Christian stewards seek to live their lives in God's will.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Second Reading: Gospel:

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

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 18th ~ 19th

The bulletin was submitted Amount Collected prior to the weekend collection.

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 imoran@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.

Special Thanks to those who Tithe Electronically

Saint James Parish would like to thank the families who are currently tithing electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program.

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