

*Christ is Born
Cristo ha Nacido*



*For a child is born to us, a son is given
to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5

*Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo
se nos ha dado; le ponen en el hombro el
distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre:
Consejero Admirable, Dios Fuerte,
Padre Que no Muere, Principe de la Paz.*

Isaias 9, 5

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 2022

(Saint Stephen, The First Martyr)

9:00 a.m. + Pat and Grant French

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

(Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist)

8:00 a.m. + Wanda Kauffeld

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 (@ Church)

(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

8:00 a.m. + Albert Ondo

Thursday, December 29, 2022

(Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)

8:00 a.m. Trudy & Bill Howard ~65th Anniversary

Friday, December 30, 2022

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

8:00 a.m. + Aaron Reding

Saturday, December 31, 2022

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

5:00 p.m. + Betty Wright

Sunday, January 1, 2023

(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

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

10:00 a.m. + Becky Darnell

12:00 p.m. + Father Bill Fichteman

3:00 p.m. + Alexander Esparra

+ Denotes deceased

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

Monday, December 26, 2022

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *Batcheldor Hall*

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

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

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *Batcheldor Hall*

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

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

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

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *Batcheldor Hall*

Thursday, December 29, 2022

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

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *Batcheldor Hall*

Friday, December 30, 2022

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

Saturday, December 31, 2022

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023

**A funeral Mass would alter this weekly schedule.*

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Monday, December 26, 2022 ~ Monday, January 2, 2023! Friday, December 23, 2022 is the last work day in 2022. Saint James School will be closed from Monday, December 19, 2022 ~ Monday, January 2, 2023.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES:

Due to holiday closures, the **January 1st bulletin** will be submitted **one week sooner than usual**. All bulletin items are to be submitted to Deacon Dean Sears two weeks prior.

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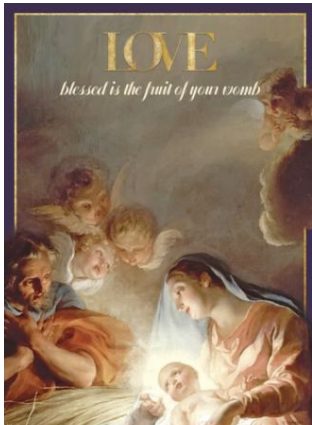
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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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 the church 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.

PARISH LIFE



“Merry Christmas”

Today, the greeting “Merry Christmas” is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, that for many people, things are not merry today, and that for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But “Merry Christmas” does not mean that we always feel happy, nor does it mean that everything is going our way. What it means instead is that even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and each other in the life that never ends. “Merry Christmas” means that even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy that the world can neither give nor take away. Merry Christmas!

The wonder of Christmas is that the promised coming of the Messiah of the Lord was fulfilled in a surprising way that surpassed the hopes and dreams of the people of old. On the first Christmas night, angels announced Christ's birth to the shepherds. But instead of saying that Jesus was the Messiah of the Lord, they said that He is "Messiah and Lord" (Lk. 2:11). God, in other words, did not simply send someone to represent Him. He came Himself!

Because the child born is Lord, Christmas means more than welcoming the child. It means welcoming the one who will preach the Sermon on the Mount, instruct us by parables, give us the sacraments, and establish his Church. All of these Christmas presents are to be opened and used!

Christmas is about a God who created the human family, and then decided to become a member of that family. Christmas is not when Jesus began; it is when Jesus began existing as one of us, and thereby joined all of us to Himself. He joins to His Divinity all who share human nature: the weak and strong, the small and big, the born and unborn.

Therefore, welcoming the child demands welcoming all whom this child came to redeem, all who are united to God in him. It means welcoming the poor and destitute, the stranger and the alienated, the disabled and the unborn. Christmas is universal, and is about the exaltation of the human person. ~ *Priests for Life*.



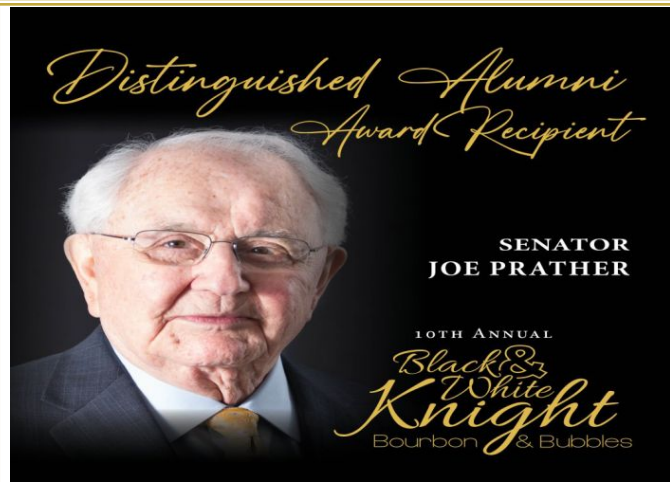
La Natividad Del Señor

Navidad

San Juan nos presenta en el prólogo del Evangelio un movimiento, un fluir de Dios hacia nosotros. El trayecto es de arriba hacia abajo, de lo divino a lo humano y de las tinieblas a la luz. Con este obrar incesante, Dios nos busca. Con este llegar hasta nosotros, quiere levantarnos. Con esta presencia del Hijo en nuestro mundo, quiere que todos redescubramos nuestra condición de hijos e hijas muy amados. Jesús es el Enviado de Dios, su Palabra por excelencia, que vino a este mundo para hacernos conocer al Padre. De este modo, este tiempo de Navidad es una oportunidad para dejarnos envolver por el Misterio de Dios; porque Él, siendo grande se hizo pequeño, rompiendo con nuestras pretensiones; porque Él, que siendo rico se hizo pobre, nos invita a

ser agradecidos y a moderar nuestros deseos; porque Él, que siendo Dios se hizo hombre, ha proclamado la cercanía y la proximidad como características propias de la naturaleza divina... así ha decidido confiar y creer en nosotros, no por nuestros méritos sino por pura iniciativa suya.

SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Join us in congratulating Senator Joe Prather for being the inaugural recipient of the SJS Distinguished Alumni Award!

The Distinguished Alumni Award has been established to honor an attendee of Saint James Catholic School for outstanding achievement. This honor may also be awarded to an attendee of any other school associated with Saint James Catholic Church, including E'town Catholic High School. It is meant to recognize an individual who has displayed extraordinary leadership, character, and organizational ability, contributed to the advancement of others and the improvement of his/her community, gained prominence in his/her chosen profession and exhibited vision, skill and commitment that has resulted in success.



Support Saint James Catholic School and have a chance to win a **Honda Pioneer 520 or Cash Prize of \$10,000!** Raffle tickets are on sale now in the parish or school offices or at one of the following local

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Tickets are on sale now for the Black & White Knight event on Saturday, February 4. Visit the parish or school office to fill out an RSVP card – make checks payable to Saint James Catholic School. Seating is limited, so be sure to purchase your tickets before they sell out!



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The Nativity of the Lord

FAITH FORMATION

What's Happening This Month



For Baptism Preparation Class:
Please contact *Olivia Dvorjak*.
Pre-registration is required.
(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

Family Faith Formation (FFF):



This is our parish program for on-going formation and religious education of children pre-K thru grade 6, including preparation for 1st Communion. New families are always welcome! Contact Sr. Augusta to learn more.

(sranickel@stjames-etown.org).

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

Meets every other Wednesday night. For more information, contact Olivia Dvorjak.

(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

High School Youth Ministry (9th - 12th grade)

Discipleship groups have started meeting at their various times. For more information, contact Olivia Dvorjak.

(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).



Dec. 10, 2022
ADVENT BY
Candlelight



This year's mini-retreat was BLESSED in every way!
THANK YOU to each woman who planned, served, & attended the evening - each of you brought a GRACE and JOY that made the evening bright!!



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6
Second Reading: Timothy 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

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Christmas for Kids - Thank you to all who donated presents for needy children in Hardin County! Your care and concern for children and families in our area that needed a little extra help with Christmas was wonderful.

Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers

Saint James Parish would like to thank our families who are currently giving their tithing contributions 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.

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact Deacon Dean Sears at 270-765-6268.

Eucharistic Adoration - Pray for Vocations

During Eucharistic Adoration many of our adorers pray for an increase in vocations and for an end to the abomination of abortion. If you want to learn more about Eucharistic Adoration or would like to schedule an hour of Adoration, please call 270-737-5213.



Saint Vincent de Paul Outreach is requesting the following items for their food pantry: **peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti pasta, pancake mix and syrup.** Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Stewardship of Treasure

Additional Weekend of December 10th/11th

Amount Collected \$12,295.75

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.



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Andy Padgett, Facilities & Maintenance Manager
Dave Martin, Maintenance Assistant

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.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12 ~ 1 p.m.)

Phone numbers:

Parish Office - 270-765-6268
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Eucharistic Adoration Hours:

Mon: 6:30-8:00 p.m.,
Tues-Thurs: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;
Saturday: 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Confession:

Monday: 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. & 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



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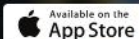


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