



Rev. Michael T. Wimsatt, Pastor

# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

307 West Dixie Avenue, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701 www.stjames-etown.org March 26, 2023

#### STAFF:

Rev. Loi D. Pham, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jean Gonzalez Romero, Associate Pastor
Deacon Karl Drerup
Deacon Bill Clark
Scott Johnson, Business Manager
Sister Mary Grace, O.P., School Principal
Sister Augusta, O.P., Director of Faith Formation
Olivia Dvorjak, Associate Director of Faith Formation
Tim Watts, Director of Music Ministries
Gail Hereford, Administrative Assistant
Fabiola J. Sanchez, Administrative Pastoral Assistant
Deacon Dean Sears, Communications Coordinator
Jennifer Moran, Director of Mission Advancement
Andy Padgett, Facilities & Maintenance Manager

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

Dave Martin, Maintenance Assistant

HOLY DAYS: Please see bulletin for details.

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

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.\*

\* The parish office is closed for lunch from Noon - 1:00 p.m.

#### 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 & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday 9:30 a.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. & 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 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

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Monday, March 27, 2023

6:00 p.m. + David & Nancy Buchanan

## Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

## Wednesday, March 29 2023 (@ SJS)

8:00 a.m. *In Thanksgiving* for Tom Geoghegan

## Thursday, March 30, 2023

(40-Hours Devotion - Evening - opening Mass)

**5:00 p.m.** + Jim Ballard *and* "Joe Bill" Polin

## Friday, March 31, 2023

(No daily Mass today - All-day Adoration in church)

## Saturday, April 1, 2023

(No daily Mass today - All-day Adoration in church)

## (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

5:00 p.m. + Aaron Reding

## Sunday, April 2, 2023

## (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)

8:00 a.m. + Louise Wiseman *and* Chris Hennessy

10:00 a.m. + Wanda Kauffeld

12:00 p.m. + Terry Avenido

3:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo* 

+ Denotes deceased



## SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

## Monday, March 27, 2023

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

**5:00 p.m.** Confessions, *Church* 

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

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

## Tuesday, March 28, 2023

9:00 a.m. Passion Play Rehearsal (all day), *Church*3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, *Batcheldor Hall* 

**5:30 p.m.** Hispanic Eucharistic Adoration, *Church* 

## Wednesday, March 29, 2023

**9:00 a.m.** CWOSJ, Rodney Thomas Room **9:30 a.m.** Eucharistic Adoration, Church

11:15 a.m. Pray and Walk (Ora et Ambulora), BH
3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, Batcheldor Hall
5:00 p.m. Lenten Confessions, Church

**6:30 p.m.** Family Faith Formation, *SIS Gym* 

## Thursday, March 30, 2023

3:00 p.m. Archery Practice, Batcheldor Hall
5:00 p.m. 40-Hours Devotion Opening Mass
6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Procession & Adoration
(until Midnight), Grounds & Church

**6:00 p.m.** Exodus 90 Group B Meeting, *Library* 

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

**6:30 p.m.** Chili Supper for Open of 40 Hours, *BH* Catholic in Recovery, *Loretto Center* 

### Friday, March 31, 2023

**4:00 a.m.** 40-Hours Devotion - Adoration (all day

until Midnight April 1st), Church

**3:00 p.m.** Chaplet of Divine Mercy, *Church* 

**5:00 p.m.** Confessions, *Church* 

## Saturday, April 1, 2023

**4:00 a.m.** 40-Hours Devotion - Adoration (until

4:00 p.m.), *Church* Men's Study Group, *POB* 

**8:45 a.m.** Men's Study Group, *POB* **2:00 p.m.** Confessions, *Church* 

**4:00 p.m.** 40-Hours Closing Eucharistic

Procession & Benediction, Church

## Sunday, April 2, 2023

**9:00 a.m.** Coffee & Doughnuts, *BH* **11:00 a.m.** Coffee & Doughnuts, *BH* 

**4:00 p.m.** "No Greater Love" Program, *RTR* 

\*A funeral Mass would alter this weekly schedule.

The Bulletin Deadline: Items for the bulletin need to be submitted by Noon on WEDNESDAY, a week and half prior to publication. Please email items to: dsears@stjames-etown.org

## **PARISH LIFE**



PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

"Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Your Power and Grace transcends all time and space.
Cast now Your compassionate glance upon all life in the womb effectively. (Part 1 of 2)

Am I fully convinced that every abortion, at every stage of pregnancy, is the destruction of an innocent human life, which has the

same value as my life, my parent's lives, my children's lives? Do I foster and nourish this conviction by reflecting often on the tragic loss of life occurring daily around me? Do I ever allow myself the thought that someone else's abortion is "none of my business?" Do I sometimes think that I have "more important" things to do than to save innocent lives? Do I believe I am responsible for my preborn brothers and sisters and accountable to God for what I do to save them? Do I have the courage to remind myself of the horror of abortion by actually looking at the pictures of aborted babies?

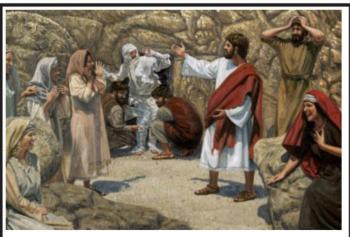
Do I pray daily and explicitly for an end to abortion? Do I pray for the babies, the mothers, the abortionists, the legislators, the media, the clergy, and the whole pro-life movement? Do I fast or make other significant sacrifices for this cause? Or, do I believe the fight against abortion can be easy and convenient? Am I too afraid of displeasing others, and do I think I need to be liked to be successful? Am I willing to undergo financial loss, ridicule, or other sacrifices, to save a child's life?

Do I see the link between abortion and other assaults on human life and dignity? Do I acknowledge that progress in any arena for the defense of life facilitates progress in all the other arenas?

Do I have faith that God is the Lord of Life? Do I believe the whole struggle is in His hands, and that He has already conquered evil, falsehood, and death? Do I trust Him? Do I ask His guidance? Do I keep my eyes on Him, or do I allow discouragement by focusing only on the problem and myself? ... To be continued. ~ Priests for Life

**Eucharistic Adoration ~ Pray for Vocations**During Eucharistic Adoration many pray for an increase in vocations and for an end to all abortion. If you want to learn more about Eucharistic Adoration or would like to schedule an hour of Adoration, please call 270-737-5213.





## V Domingo de cuaresma

Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, dice el Señor;⊡el que cree en mí no morirá para siempre.

El evangelio de este Domingo nos narra la muerte y resurrección de Lázaro. Jesús es consciente del valor de la vida frente a la eternidad v la muerte. Sabe que el alma de Lázaro reposa esperando, como la del resto de los hombres, el momento sublime de la redención. Sin embargo, Jesús también es un hombre. Lo que en un primer momento no le cuesta aplazar cuatro días, más tarde se transformará en lágrimas y llanto: la contemplación del sepulcro de su amigo. El regreso a la vida de Lázaro es un anticipo, una profecía, de lo que será en el futuro la resurrección de los muertos. Los amigos de Jesús, sus íntimos, sus más queridos, volverán a la vida ante el asombro de sus enemigos y las miradas mezquinas de los que en vida no acogieron a Jesús en su corazón. Pidamos a Cristo en este día que guarde un puesto para nosotros en su corazón. Digámosle con todo nuestro ánimo que queremos ser sus amigos y sus íntimos.

**ATTENTION Sacristans, Lectors and EMHC -** There are now volunteer sign-up sheets in the Minister Sign-In binder near the vesting sacristy for our upcoming 2023 Paschal Triduum.

Please add your name to the Mass or service you wish to serve and then initial next to your name when you arrive that particular evening.

~ Thank you

Our bulletins are provided free through advertisements. Please patronize our sponsors to thank them for their generosity. Our sponsor of the week is:

Jack Hart's Body Shop

## 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.sischoolonline.org

# SSPTO

## **Scholarship Application!**

The Saint James PTO is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving high school graduate who attend-

ed SJS. This scholarship will be paid directly to the scholarship winner to help defray expenses. Please find application and requirements at the below link. *Applications due March 31st, 2023.* 

https://www.sjschoolonline.org/Page/1179

## Passion Play 2023

The depiction of the Passion of our Lord as told by the 8th grade Saint James Catholic School Students

Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 PM Thursday, April 6th at 9:30 AM

Please plan to attend either of these performances in the church and support our SJS 8th Grade students.

# SPAIN PILGRIMAGE WITH FATIMA, LOURDES & BARCELONA

11 DAYS: JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 9, 2024
VISITING: LISBON \* FATIMA \* SALAMANCA \* AVILA
MADRID \* LOURDES \* MONTSERRAT \* BARCELONA



## FR. PETER DO & FR. KIRBY RUST

## \$3399 FROM LOUISVILLE\*

\*Air/land tour price is \$2899 plus \$500 gov't taxes/airline surcharges

For More Information, Please Contact Father Do: Tel: (502) 459-4251 Email: frpeterdo2002@gmail.com

## PARISH LIFE

### **CHRISM MASS 2023**

All people of the Archdiocese of Louisville are invited to attend the Chrism Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre. The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption. The Cathedral of the Assumption is located at 433 S. 5th Street, Louisville, KY.

At this liturgy, the *Holy Oils* which will be used throughout the Archdiocese in the coming year will be blessed and consecrated by Archbishop Fabre.

In addition, the priests of the Archdiocese will renew their priestly promises.

A reception will follow in the Cathedral undercroft. Please join us for this beautiful celebration of the local Church as a way to begin the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

## Holy Thursday - April 6, 2023

No Morning Mass or Eucharistic Adoration Passion Play @ 9:30 a.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 6:00 p.m.

## Good Friday - April 7, 2023

No Morning Mass or Eucharistic Adoration Stations of the Cross @ 3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion @ 6:00 p.m.

## Holy Saturday - April 8, 2023

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ 8:00 p.m. No Adoration, Confessions, or 5:00 p.m. Mass

## Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

Regularly Scheduled Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. in Spanish

2023 Holy Land Collection - On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual collection to support Christians and holy places in the Holy Land. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name a few. For more information, please see <a href="https://www.MvFranciscan.org">www.MvFranciscan.org</a>.

## **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 FAMILY FAITH (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).

## 5TH ANNUAL 8TH GRADE Men of God Retreat Friday, April 21, 2023 6:00PM-9:00PM Saint James Catholic Church Campus 307 W. Dixie Ave Elizabethtown, KY **Fathers and Grandfathers** are invited to attend with their 8th grader! RSVP to Miss Dvorjak at odvorjak@stjames-etown.org

## LITURGICALLY LIVING HOLY WEEK

- · On Palm Sunday, create a Holy Week prayer altar. Add the following items: A bible, candles, your palm branches, a crucifix, holy cards, etc. Gather here to pray each evening.
- · Limit secular music this week. Look To Him and Be Radiant has Holy Week playlists. Limit desserts & other worldly pleasures.
- · On "Spy Wednesday," hide 30 quarters around the living room and have your children find them. Then, read about Judas' betrayal & explain how vices can motivate us not to be our best selves, but virtues help us to draw closer to Jesus.
- · On Holy Thursday, reflect on the priesthood and the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. Wash each other's feet in your home and reflect on the importance of serving others, especially those you live with. Write a thank you note to one of our priests; deliver it at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 6pm at Saint James.
- · On Good Friday, pray the Stations of the Cross and make hot cross buns. Keep silence in your home from 2:45-3:00 in honor of Jesus who died at the 3 o'clock hour. Attend the 6pm Good Friday service at Saint James.





Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. St. James Catholic Church

MEN'S GENERAL RECOVERY GROUP Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments

Faith | Freedom | Fellowship



# 40 Hours



JUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

The Forty Hours Devotion is a period of continuous public prayer in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament (the Eucharist). Christ our Lord is really and substantially present in the Eucharist, and through our participation in this devotion we enter His presence, remember the salvation He won for us, rejoice in Him, and become signs of His divine renewal in our world.

The devotion of Forty Hours originated six centuries ago in Milan. The practice spread quickly in the West through figures such as Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Philip Neri, Saint Charles Borromeo, Pope Clement VIII, and Pope Clement XII. It was fervently promoted in the United States by Saint John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, and in 1866, the devotion was approved for use throughout the US.

#### WHAT DO I DO DURING ADORATION?

Eucharistic Adoration is a time to adore and worship Jesus Christ. Sacramentals and resources can be used to pray, such as the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, religious books, pamphlets, etc. It can also be a time of silent prayer and meditation, resting with our Lord.

Other Steps to Pray:

Realize who is present in front of you.
 Place yourself in the presence of Christ.
 Give thanks. Be thankful for those blessings

- Give thanks. Be thankful for those blessings that the Lord has given you. Name some of these.
- 3. Present intentions to Him, placing them at His feet. Pray for specific people or intentions in your life.

4. Spend time meditating and asking the Lord to speak in the stillness of your heart.

5. Express sorrow for the ways that you have failed. Make a resolution to receive His grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

(Confession is conveniently offered each

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## WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

The word "adoration" means, "to pay honor or homage to someone or something." As Catholics, we have the opportunity to pay honor to the One who deserves all our praise! In the Eucharist, our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We have the unique opportunity to come face-to-face with the King of the Universe, Jesus Christ, Himself. Adoration helps us to deepen and strengthen our relationship with Him.

## WHAT IS A MONSTRANCE?

Monstrance comes from a Latin word meaning "to show forth." It is an open vessel in which the Eucharist (consecrated Host) is exposed for Adoration. Normally it is gold and has beautiful details to accentuate the power of the Lord coming into our midst.

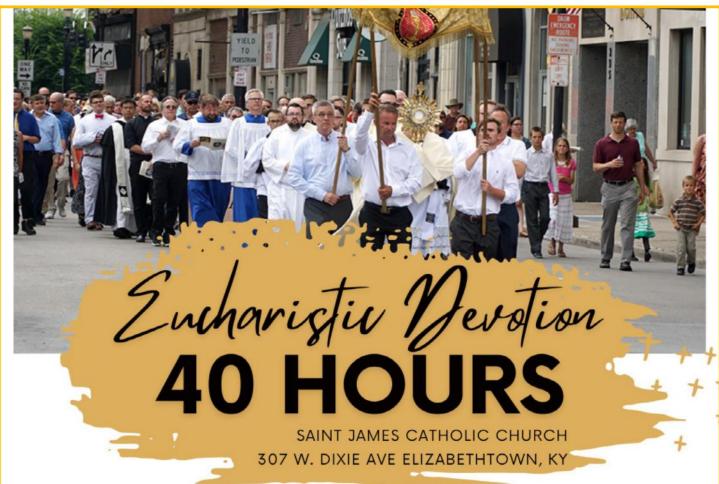
## WHAT IS EXPOSITION?

Exposition is the time when the consecrated host is removed from the tabernacle and is "exposed" or placed in the monstrance. This begins with the hymn "O Salutaris Hostia" or in English, "O Saving Victim" as a song of praise to Jesus.

## HOW LONG DO I STAY FOR?

For as long or as short a time a you desire and can offer! All parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a one hour period of Adoration during these 40 Hours, but it is not required. Those who wish may SIGN UP HERE or in the back of church.





# THURSDAY 3.30 - SATURDAY 4.1

ADORATION | CONFESSION | PROCESSIONS



**5pm - Opening Mass**, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and Eucharistic Adoration until 12am

**6:30 - Confession** (until 8pm); Food & fellowship in BH!



**4am - 12am -** Eucharistic Adoration

**3pm -** Divine Mercy Chaplet

5pm - 8pm - Confession



4am - 4pm - Eucharistic Adoration

2pm - 3:30 - Confession

4pm - Closing Eucharistic Procession & Benediction

5pm - Mass (for Palm Sunday)

**Saint James Parish Council Meeting** March 7,2023 ~ Council members attending were: Lou Edmondson, Lorna Vertrees, Jeff Lanz, Greg Schreake, Olivia Dvorjak, Jordan Cofer, Cheri Ellis-Reeves and Father Michael Wimsatt.

The meeting began at 6:00 with prayer offered by Father Michael.

> Father Michael spoke on the upcoming 40 Hours Devotion. Lorna said she has attended them in the past. It is open prayer time that you can come and go throughout the 40 hours. Eucharistic Revival is offered through the Archdiocese and at the national level. Father Michael said that discussion on bringing the Precious Blood to Mass possibly in summer was being discussed at the Archdiocesan level and he asked our thoughts on it. No one really had an answer to yes or no. We will discuss at next council meeting.

#### **Faith Formation**

- > Olivia reported that they are preparing for 40 Hours Adoration, Easter Vigil; RCIA. The women's retreat is upcoming with 35 women attending from St. James.
- > 24 parishioners were confirmed in February and 35 couples participated in the marriage retreat.
- > Greg asked about the return of the children's part of mass, where they leave mass and go to talk about the readings on a child's level. Father Michael said that happened before he got here. Jeff said that its tricky to anticipate when to bring them back at the right time in the liturgy.

#### Finance

- > Greg told that we are fortunate to have \$600,000.00 positive cash net flow.
- > The gym floor at the school is being resealed. PTO and some clubs are helping to pay for that.
- > The school and church parking lot will be sealed at the same time. They will take bids on sealing.
- > The outside light fixtures are going to be replaced.
- > The school cameras will be updated for in school security. No issues have occurred for them, just updating.
- > The bus route will be evaluated to see if a stop in Fort Knox is feasible.
- > Sister is working on the school budget. The EANS II grant will be used up in the next academic year. They are looking for ways to supplement the budget.
- > There is a committee formed on school board for health and wellness.
- > Intent to return to see how many teachers are coming back. The school handbook for parents and families will be updated to include morality and language to set standard on how we treat one another.
- > MAP testing scores are favorable in diocese.

#### **Parish Life**

- > Lorna reported that playgroup is looking for ways to be more active.
- > Health and Wellness committee is planning a walk.
- > Matthew Hobbs will be coordinating the parish picnic again this year. Volunteers are needed. The first meeting will be in April. They are discussing what type of booths will be allowed to set up.
- > Knights of Columbus are doing coffee and donuts once a month. Greg said that there is money budgeted for that group.
- > Stewardship intention cards are coming in. At this time they have received 299 cards.
- > More parishioners are needed on the stewardship committee.

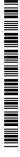
## **Social Concerns**

- > Jordan said the bloodmobile is going smoothly. Donors have dropped down a little. Hoping that more donors will participate next time.
- > Lois Shinkle said that they still aren't able to ship supplies to Haiti. She asked that mass be offered for the parish St Marc and families in Haiti. Father Michael said that an intercession is included for them once a month.
- > Paul Godfrey has taken over the jail ministry. They visit on Saturdays.
- > St. Vincent DePaul Outreach has dipped in reserve to help people.
- > Sick and home bound guidelines since Covid has affected how they visit nursing homes and hospital.

## Worship

- > Jeff is preparing for Holy Week and 40 Hours Devotion. He is working on having 15-20 priests, 6-7 deacons and 30-40 altar servers.
- > Two of our Saint James altar servers will be entering the seminary; Chris Trapp and Andrew Dawson.
- > Father Loi and Jeff are planning on a field trip with altar servers to St. Meinrad.
- > Frank Bryan is looking at Eucharistic training, and ushers, lectors; servers are going well.
- > Cantors are few.
- > TV Ministry needs new microphones.
- > Jeff will give out certificates to the 8th grade servers.

Father Michael closed with prayer. Our next meeting will be April 25, 2023





Saint James Catholic Church is seeking an Office Administrator. The ideal candidate for this posilames tion is a proficient multi-tasker, CATHOLIC CHURCH 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: Scott Johnson; 307 W. Dixie Avenue; Elizabethtown, KY 42701, or electronic submission to:

sjohnson@stjames-etown.org

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor Coffee & Doughnuts after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses **NEXT** Sunday, April 2nd. Please be sure to stop by Batcheldor Hall after those Masses next weekend!



A reminder that Eucharistic Adoration cards and envelopes are in the pamphlet rack in the back of church. The cards state that you have spent one hour of Eucharistic Adoration praying for someone or for their intentions. Please use the first card as a gift for loved ones, neighbors, and friends who may be ill or nearing death; or need prayers for other intentions. You could also choose this card for special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

The second Eucharistic Adoration card is to pray for

someone's vocation or their contemplation of a vocation, whether it is for the priesthood, religious life, married life, or single life. The cards are at no charge. All you must do is spend one hour in prayer before the Eucharist during Adoration. What better gift to give others than the gift of prayer!





## "Đời thầy đã trọn vẹn và hoàn tất. Thầy giờ chỉ chờ Chúa goi thầy về."

(My life is fulfilling and finished. I am now awaiting the Lord taking me home.)

These are the last words of Dong Pham, the beloved husband, father, and grandfather of the Pham family. Dong passed away peacefully on January 30, 2023, in his home, surrounded by his family, at the age of 78.

He was a man of faith, a man of the community, and a man of prayer.

Dong would be greatly missed by his family and everybody who knew him. Fr. Loi often jokes that God loves all of us, but his father was God's favorite.

On behalf of the Pham family, Fr. Loi wishes to thank the St. James family for their prayers, love, support, and kind words of sympathy and comfort.

Also, Fr. Loi would like to express his sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation that St. James parish has sponsored the bereavement meal for his father's funeral.

Fr. Loi prayed that God's love and blessings come down upon all the people of St. James.

> Thank you! Fr. Loi and Family



The Forever Young Club will meet on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Batcheldor Hall for a potluck meal. Following dinner, we will be led in chair yoga exercises by Diane Buckles. Plan to attend and bring a friend!



## Stewardship Story

Cuando mi esposo y yo llegamos a la comunidad de Saint James, no se nos hizo difícil incorporarnos y sentirnos parte del Cuerpo de Cristo.

Cuando buscamos el significado de la palabra corresponsabilidad en-

tendemos que es equivalente a "responsabilidad compartida" y entendemos muy claramente que es nuestro deber y llamado a mejorar y participar en todo el bien común de nuestra Comunidad.

Nos consideramos muy bendecidos al formar parte de Saint James, desde servir como Sacristán a cantar en el coro o las adoraciones eucarísticas; pasar la canasta por los bancos los domingos o ayudar en los programas, retiros y actividades que se hacen en bien de todos y para todos. Ya sea formando parejas, o ayudando en la formación de nuestros seres queridos para recibir los sacramentos; contestando el teléfono en la oficina parroquial o recogiendo la basura en los alrededores de la Iglesia/Oficina Parroquial; es y será siempre una alegría decir cuando nos preguntan: ¿A qué Iglesia perteneces? A la mejor en Elizabethtown - la Iglesia Católica de Saint James.

Eso es ser Iglesia, eso es corresponsabilidad.

## Franklin Tejada/Fabiola Sánchez

When my husband and I arrived in the Saint James community, it was not difficult for us to integrate and feel part of the Body of Christ.

When we look for the meaning of the word stewardship, we understand that it is equivalent to "shared responsibility", and we understand very clearly that it is our duty and call to improve and participate in all the common good of our community.

We consider ourselves very blessed to be a part of Saint James, from serving as Sacristan to singing in the choir during Eucharistic adorations; passing the basket through the pews on Sundays or help in the programs that our Parish offers, retreats and activities that are done for the good of all and for all.

Whether forming couples, or helping in the formation of our loved ones to receive the sacraments; answering the phone in the parish office or picking up trash around the Church/Parish Office; it is and will always be a joy to say when asked:

What Church do you belong to? "The best one in Elizabethtown - Saint James Catholic Church". That is being Church, that is stewardship.

Franklin Tejada/Fabiola Sanchez

## Stewardship of Treasure

## Weekends of March 18th / 19th

**Amount Collected** 

\$26,468.51

*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.



Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri

guides you through the last hours of Christ's life.

#### **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Sessions (approximately 30 minutes of video followed by approximately 30 minutes of group discussion) will be held in the Rodney Thomas Room on the following Sundays, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm:

March 26: No meeting

April 2: Session Five: The Seven Last Words

April 9: EASTER - No meeting

April 16: Bonus Video: The Resurrection

There is no cost to attend and watch the videos. If you have any questions, please contact Lorna Vertrees at lvertrees94@comcast.net or call 270-766-8687.

Good Friday (April 7, 2023) is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

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