

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 21, 2023

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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 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22, 2023

(Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious)
 6:00 p.m. + Paul McCamish

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Susan Koeneman

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 (@ School)

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

Thursday, May 25, 2023

(Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin)
 8:00 a.m. Antonio Fagnoli AND
 + Carolyn B. Meals

Friday, May 26, 2023

(Saint Philip Neri, Priest)
 8:00 a.m. + Joseph Tran

Saturday, May 27, 2023

(Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)
 8:00 a.m. + Joseph Do

(Pentecost)

5:00 p.m. *Missa pro populo*

Sunday, May 28, 2023

(Pentecost Sunday)

8:00 a.m. + The Greenwell & Edmondson Families
 10:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish
 12:00 p.m. + Father Bill Fichteman
 3:00 p.m. + Alexander Esparra

+ Denotes deceased.

Parish Pastoral Council Members 2022-2023

Rev. Michael Wimsatt, Pastor
 Rev. Loi D. Pham, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Jean Gonzalez Romero, Associate Pastor
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 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.



SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

Monday, May 22, 2023

4:15 p.m. Evangelism Session, RTR
 5:00 p.m. Confessions, Church
 6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 6:30 p.m. RCIA Class, RTR
 6:45 p.m. Confessions, Church

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting, PO Basement
 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Group, RTR

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

9:00 a.m. CWOSJ, RTR
 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 11:15 a.m. Walk & Pray (Ora et Ambulora), BH

Thursday, May 25, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 6:00 p.m. SJS Graduation Mass, Church
 7:00 p.m. SJS Graduation Reception, BH
 7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center

Friday, May 26, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Saturday, May 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, PO Basement
 3:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

Sunday, May 28, 2023

2:30 p.m. Hispanic Gathering - Convivio, BH

*A funeral Mass would alter this weekly schedule.

Important Reminder from St. Vincent de Paul Out-

reach: Due to financial reporting changes at the national and archdiocesan levels in 2018, all checks intended for St Vincent De Paul Outreach **MUST** be made out to *St Vincent De Paul Outreach* and **not** to St James Church. You are encouraged to use the green collection envelopes for St Vincent de Paul donations. Thank you for your generous donations.

SVDP Pantry needs: Cereal, crackers, ramen noodles, spaghetti pasta and spaghetti sauce.

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.



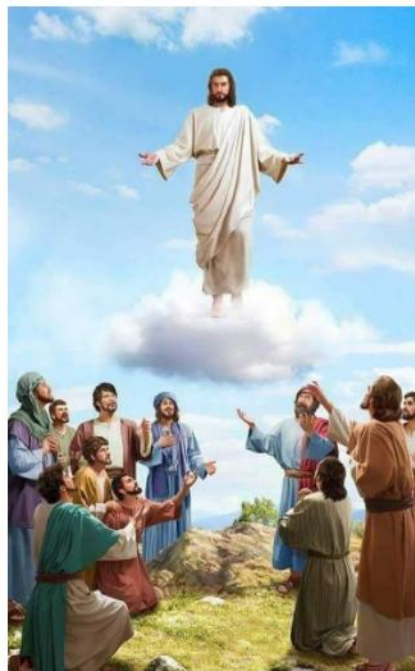
PARISH LIFE



Human Life Exalted

Jesus prayed on the night before he died, "Father, give me the glory I had with you before the world began." How is the glory he has in the Ascension different from the glory he had "before the world began?" It differs only in that now, he has it in a human nature. Our humanity has been taken to the heights of heaven, fulfilling the destiny God intended for human life from the beginning. Revelation 3:21 declares, "To the one who gains the victory, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne." God's plan for us is not just that we will gather around the throne or fall down before the throne, but that we will sit with him on the throne! This hope extended to the human family by the Gospel is directly contradicted when the same human beings destined for the heights of heaven are attacked by violence, degraded in their dignity, or put to death by things like abortion. The human nature Jesus brings to glory in the Ascension is the same human nature you and I share, and the same human nature that the babies in the womb share. Celebrating the Ascension in daily life means treating each human life as one destined to sit with Christ on his throne.

~ Priests for Life ~Image: USCCB



**Séptimo Domingo de Pascua
Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor**

El Evangelio de hoy Juan 17,1-11 contiene un mensaje importante para todos nosotros. Jesús pide al Padre que nos consagre en la verdad y nos proteja del mundo.

Es significativo, ante todo, que Jesús pida al Padre que nos consagre y proteja, pero no que nos aparte del mundo. Sabemos que él envía a sus discípulos para que sean fermento de santidad y verdad en el mundo: la sal de la tierra, la luz del mundo. En esto, los mártires nos muestran el camino. (Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 16 de agosto de 2014)

Jesús reza, pide para que la tristeza y el aislamiento no nos gane el corazón. Nosotros queremos hacer lo mismo, queremos unirnos a la oración de Jesús, a sus palabras para decir juntos: "Padre santo, cuédalos con el poder de tu nombre... para que estén completamente unidos, como tú y yo", "y su gozo sea completo". Jesús reza y nos invita a rezar porque sabe que hay cosas que solo las podemos recibir como don, hay cosas que solo podemos vivir como regalo. (Homilía de S.S. Francisco, 20 de septiembre de 2015).

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

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

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday, May 29th is a national holiday. On national holidays, the Monday daily Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. rather than the usual 6:00 p.m.

Please also note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday.

PLEASE NOTE: During the summer months from Memorial Day to Labor Day, there will be a slight change in the confession schedule. We will drop the 5:00 p.m. Monday confessions prior to the evening Mass. Confessions after the 6:00 p.m. Mass will still be available.

Also, please know that from **Memorial Day to Labor Day**, we will have summer office hours. Monday ~ Thursday will stay the same, but on Fridays in the summer, we will close the office at Noon.

Want to make a Eucharistic Visit for prayer?

If you find the church locked during our regular parish office hours and want access to the church, please come to the parish office to sign out a key.

Church Bulletin Advertising

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You can support Saint James Catholic Church and/or School and receive a 2023 tax credit for your donation if you act now!

Endow Kentucky allows you to receive a 2023 tax credit if you make a donation to the Saint James Catholic Church Endowment or the Saint James Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund at the Central Kentucky Community Foundation (CKCF).

The deadline to apply for the tax credit is June 30. If you are interested in learning more about the tax credit or the parish and school endowments at CKCF contact Jennifer Moran in the school office at 270-765-7011 ext. 110 or Davette Swiney at CKCF at 270-737-8393.

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11 DAYS: JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 9, 2024

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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):



Has concluded for this school year.
Our next session will be in August.
Contact Sr. Augusta for more information.
(sranickel@stjames-etown.org)

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

Has concluded for this school year.
For the summer calendar, contact Olivia Dvorjak.
(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

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

Has concluded for this school year.
For the summer calendar, contact Olivia Dvorjak.
(odvorjak@stjames-etown.org).

SAINT JAMES YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Memorial Day COOKOUT



TUESDAY, MAY 30

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL - 401 ROBINBROOKE BLVD
5:30PM-7:00PM

Open to all young adults and their families 18-40! Bring your families, a side dish, & your lawn chairs. We will provide the burgers & hot dogs. We will also have activities & games for kids!

RSVP TO OLIVIA DVORJAK AT ODVORJAK@STJAMES-ETOWN.ORG
OR C: 270-312-9249



Congratulations

TO ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:11-13

Blessing of the Child in the Womb



Expectant mothers awaiting the birth of their child are invited to receive a blessing during the 5pm, 8am, 10am, or 12N masses on the weekend of June 3/4.

To RSVP, please email Olivia Dvorjak at odvorjak@stjames-etown.org

"Come, Follow Me..."

Is God Calling
You
to learn more
about becoming
Catholic?

Contact Sr. Augusta
in the parish office!
anickel@stjames-etown.org

Practices for Holy Communion: Reminders for Clergy and Parish Leaders

The Church affirms the value of receiving Holy Communion under Both Kinds.

Both the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM]* and the *Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds for the Diocese of the United States of America [Norms]* uphold the value of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds by the people.

“The Council's decision to restore Holy Communion under both kinds at the bishop's discretion took expression in the first edition of the *Missale Romanum* and enjoys an even more generous application in the third typical edition of the *Missale Romanum*:

Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father.

The *General Instruction* further states that ‘at the same time the faithful should be instructed to participate more readily in this sacred rite, by which the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is made more fully evident.’ [Norms, 20, citing *GIRM*, 281-282; see also *GIRM*, 85, 283]

“For just as Christ offered His whole self, Body and Blood, as a sacrifice for our sins, so too is our reception of His Body and Blood under both kinds an especially fitting participation in the memorial of His eternal life.” [Norms, 16]

Reception of Holy Communion under only one Kind (either species) constitutes the full and complete reception sacrament of the Eucharist.

“Christ is ‘truly, really, and substantially contained’ in Holy Communion. His presence is not momentary nor simply signified, but wholly and permanently real under each of the consecrated species of bread and wine.” [Norms, 8]

It remains perfectly acceptable for the faithful to receive only one species, and there may be any number of health-related or other reasons for doing so. People should be reminded to refrain from partaking of the chalice (and in some instances from attending Mass) when they are ill.

The normative posture for the reception of Holy Communion is standing.

“The norm established for the Dioceses of the United States of America is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling” [GIRM, 160, citing *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Instruction, Redemptionis Sacramentum*, March 25, 2004, no. 91]

The assembly stands after the Invitation to Communion (“O Lord I am not worthy...”) and remains standing until the last person has received Holy Communion. The faithful ‘may sit or kneel while the period of sacred silence after Communion is observed.’ [GIRM, 43]

“No. 43 [above], is intended, on the one hand, to ensure within broad limits a certain uniformity of posture within the congregation for the various parts of the celebration of Holy Mass, and on the other, to not regulate posture rigidly in such a way that those who wish to kneel or sit would no longer be free.” [Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, June 5, 2003 [Prot. N. 855/03/L]]

The gesture of reverence is a simple bow of the head before receiving Holy Communion.

“When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. The consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood.” [*GIRM*, 160]

The communicant may receive the Host in the hand or on the tongue.

“The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue.” [*Norms*, 41]

These are equally appropriate options for the communicant. The Church does not indicate that either method of receiving the Host is to be preferred. Both practices have a long and venerable tradition, and one is not to be considered superior to or more reverent than the other.

The dialogue at Communion may not be adapted.

“The proper and only permissible form for distributing Holy Communion is to offer the consecrated bread by saying, ‘The Body of Christ’ and to offer the consecrated wine by saying, ‘The Blood of Christ.’ No other words or names should be added; and the formula should not be edited in any way.” [*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass*, USCCB]

The Communion chant or song begins when the priest consumes the Host and continues until all have received Holy Communion.

“While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist. The singing is prolonged for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful.” [*GIRM*, 86]

At Mass, distribution of Holy Communion from the tabernacle is to be avoided whenever possible.

“As a general rule, Holy Communion is given from the hosts consecrated at the same Mass and not from those reserved in the tabernacle.” [*Norms*, 30]

“It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord’s Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the cases where this is foreseen, they partake of the chalice, so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated.” [*GIRM*, 85]

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to be used only when they are needed above and beyond all ordinary ministers of Holy Communion [priests, deacons] present at the Mass.

“When the need of the Church warrants it and (ordinary) ministers are lacking, lay persons ... can also supply certain of their duties, namely ... to distribute Holy Communion, according to the prescripts of the law.” [*Code of Canon Law* §230.3]

“When the size of the congregation or the incapacity of the Bishop, Priest, or Deacon requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other Bishops, Priests, or Deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, ‘the Priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, that is, duly instituted acolytes or even other faithful who have been duly deputed for this purpose.’” [*Norms*, 28; *GIRM*, 162.]

“Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence.” [*Norms*, 28]. In the Archdiocese of Louisville, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are required to complete sufficient formation either through their parish or the Archdiocese. Their pastor must request a mandate through the Office of Worship, and that mandate lasts for five years and may be renewed indefinitely.

The preferred method for receiving the Precious Blood is drinking from the chalice. Self-communication, including by intinction, is not an option for the faithful.

The chalice may never “be picked up by the communicant for self-communication [except in the case of concelebrating bishops or priests], nor may the chalice be passed from one communicant to another. There shall always be a minister of the chalice.” [*Norms*, 44].

“The communicant, including the extraordinary minister, is never allowed to self-communicate, even by means of intinction.” If intinction is offered, it is to be done only by the priest: “Each communicant, while holding a Communion-plate under the mouth, approaches the priest who holds a vessel with the sacred particles, with a minister standing at his side and holding the chalice. The priest takes a host, intincts it partly in the chalice and, showing it, says: ‘The Body and Blood of Christ.’ The communicant replies, ‘Amen,’ receives the Sacrament in the mouth from the priest, and then withdraws.” [*Norms*, 49]

The faithful may not self-intinct. [*GIRM*, 287; *Norms*, 49-50]

“It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice.” [*Norms*, 46]

The proper procedures for distribution from the Chalice include wiping the Chalice with the purificator.

“After each communicant has received the Blood of Christ, the minister carefully wipes both sides of the rim of the chalice with a purificator. This action is a matter of both reverence and hygiene. For the same reason, the minister turns the chalice slightly after each communicant has received the Precious Blood.” [*Norms*, 45]

Pouring of the Blood of Christ after the consecration from one vessel to another is never to be done. The wine must always be poured into chalices before consecration. [*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 106].



The Precious Blood is not reserved, and any remaining at the end of Communion distribution is consumed.

When more of the Precious Blood remains than was necessary for communion, ordinary and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion consume what remains from their chalice at the credence table.

[*Norms*, 51-52]

Deacons are particularly the ministers of the chalice. When Deacon (s) are present and Holy Communion is distributed under both Kinds, Deacon (s) are to be ministers of the chalice unless they are unable to do so.

“When Communion is distributed under both kinds: the chalice is usually administered by a Deacon or, in the absence of a Deacon, by a Priest, or even by a duly instituted acolyte or another extraordinary minister of Holy Communion”

[*GIRM*, 284]

Purification of Vessels after Holy Communion is to be done by a priest, deacon, or instituted acolyte after the distribution of Holy Communion or after Mass.

“The sacred vessels are purified by the Priest, the Deacon, or an instituted acolyte (note: this is a ministry instituted by the bishop and is not the same as an altar server) after Communion or after Mass, in so far as possible at the credence table. The purification of the chalice is done with water alone or with wine and water, which is then consumed by whoever does the purification. The paten is wiped clean as usual with the purificator.”

[*GIRM*, 279]

“The Priest purifies the chalice at the credence table or at the altar.”

[*GIRM*, 270] A deacon or instituted acolyte purifies at the credence table.

Upon returning to the altar, the Priest collects the fragments, should any remain, and he stands at the altar or at the credence table and purifies the paten or ciborium over the chalice, and after this purifies the chalice, saying quietly the formula *Quod ore sumpsimus, Domine* (What has passed our lips), and dries the chalice with a purificator. If the vessels are purified at the altar, they are carried to the credence table by a minister. Nevertheless, it is also permitted to leave vessels needing to be purified, especially if there are several, on a corporal, suitably covered, either on the altar or on the credence table, and to purify them immediately after Mass, after the Dismissal of the people.”

[*GIRM*, 163]

At Masses with a Deacon, the deacon purifies the vessels

[*GIRM*, 183].

After purification, the vessels can be washed by the sacristan or other minister in the usual way in preparation for the next Mass.

Dear beloved community of Saint James:

It is with mixed emotions that I write to bid farewell to this beautiful and vibrant community. Since my arrival on June 22, 2022, I have had the privilege of sharing 10 months of life and faith with all of you. However, I have recently received a new assignment from the archbishop and will soon be moving to another parish.



Before I depart, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to God and to each one of you for all the experiences, lessons, and memories that we have shared together. I am particularly grateful to Fr. Michael, our pastor, who has been a true friend, brother, and mentor to me. His dedicated service to others, wisdom, and guidance have been a source of inspiration and encouragement for me.

I also want to extend my thanks to Fr. Loi, who has been a faithful companion since my first day in the parish, and who has always offered his support and kindness. I would like to express my admiration and appreciation for the Dominican sisters, whose holy lives, daily dedication, tireless service, and joyful consecration to God have been a true inspiration for me. I want to thank the servers of the daily mass; they were like my guardian angels of each celebration. I am also grateful to the parish office workers and volunteers, who have tirelessly given their time and service for the Church and the community, making the office a true family. To the entire parish family, I want to say that you are a true Christian community, a community that lives and breathes the Gospel, with a testimony of firm faith and fraternal service. I have been deeply touched by your adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, your devotion to the Eucharist, and your tireless advocacy for life.

Most of all, I want to thank you for your warm and joyful welcome since my first day here, your patience and understanding with my limited language, your closeness, support, and prayers for the priests of the parish, your affection and tenderness. I will never forget that every morning after celebrating mass, you would always thank me for celebrating mass for you. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve you, and I promise to keep you all in my prayers.

As I say goodbye, I want to emphasize that you will never be forgotten, and I will always hold a special place in my heart for this community. May God bless you abundantly, and may the love of Christ continue to shine through you.

With deep gratitude and affection,
Fr. Jean Gonzalez Romero

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekends of May 13th / 14th

Amount Collected	\$24,546.83
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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.

Annual Stewardship Renewal

As of Monday, May 3rd, only **327** of our **1,311** parish families have returned their stewardship renewal cards. That is a participation rate of **24.94 percent**. At this point last year, our participation was **30.04%**. We would love to hear from more families to increase our percentage.

Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers

We thank our families who are giving their tithing contributions electronically. This form of giving is a consistent blessing to our parish. Each month our parish receives a steady stream of income from donors who have made the commitment to give automatically, transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this safe and secure way of giving, please contact the parish office at 270-765-6268.

CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN - Since 1955, the Archdiocese of Louisville has contributed millions of dollars to the Crusade for Children. This community-wide effort changes the lives of children with special needs, and many families in the Archdiocese have benefited directly from the Crusade as have our schools, which receive grants to assist students with diverse learning needs. **Next weekend on May 27-28**, our parish will collect donations for this year's Crusade. Those who wish to donate may bring contributions to Mass or to the parish office. If giving by check, **please make your check payable to St. James parish and put the word "Crusade" in the memo line.**

~ Thank you for your generosity.

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