



SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 27, 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.

SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*
*The parish office is closed for lunch from Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS:

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:

Monday at 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday at 12:00 p.m.
Friday at 3:00 p.m.
Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

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.

21st
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

Saint Augustine, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church
6:00 p.m. + Pete & Pat Riley and
+ Jim & Donnie Vowels

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. **SAINT JAMES SCHOOL MASS**
+ Alice Senior

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

8:00 a.m. + Anthony Dong Pham

FIRST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
8:00 a.m. + Pauline Wiseman and
+ Alice Senior

FIRST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. + Jason Johnston and
+ Marilyn Johnston
5:00 p.m. + Letty Klein O'Bryan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. + P.J. Hartlage
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of Saint James
12:00 p.m. + Paul McCamish
3:00 p.m. + Alexander Esparra

+ Denotes deceased

Many thanks to Lou Edmondson

for her service as Parish Council Chair at St. James in recent years. In May, Lou concluded her second term as Chair and will be succeeded by Lorna Vertrees. Thanks to Lorna for her willingness to serve in this important capacity. The Parish Council is a consultative body that offers insight and recommendation to the Pastor in fostering the life of the local church.

2023 - 2024 Parish Pastoral Council Members

Rev. Michael Wimsatt, Pastor
Rev. Loi D. Pham, Associate Pastor
Lorna Vertrees, Chair
Greg Schrecke, Finance
Jordan Cofer, Social Concerns/Secretary
Lou Edmondson, Faith Formation
Cheri Ellis-Reeves, Parish Life
Jeff Lanz, Worship

You may contact the Parish Pastoral Council via email at parishcouncil@stjames-etown.org

SAINT JAMES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
9:00 a.m. Zumba Fitness Class, Batchelder Hall (BH)
5:30 p.m. Hispanic Adoration, Church
6:30 p.m. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.),
Rodney Thomas Room, RTR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
6:00 p.m. MS/HS Mentor Mini Training Session, RTR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, Parish Office Basement (POB)
3:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts

* A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Who do you say
THAT I AM?

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH LIFE

Pope Francis on Defense of the Unborn

"Nowadays efforts are made to deny them [unborn children] their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development" -- Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel,"

November 24, 2013.

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If some mistook Jesus for John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah, as today's Gospel passage indicates, then his preaching must have borne a resemblance to theirs. John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah were tough characters. They did not hesitate to confront power with the truth and the demands of the moral law. They did not hesitate to point out that violation of the covenant brings ruin to the people. They did not shy away from moral absolutes, and from the absolute requirements of fidelity to God.

The Church presents the same teaching to the world, assured, as we also see in the Gospel, of its union with Christ in its mission not only of teaching but of transformation. Challenging every culture with which it communicates, the Church takes the initiative and storms "the gates of hell." Gates, after all, do not run out on the battlefield to attack the enemy. Rather, gates stand still and defend the city against the enemy attacking it. To say that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church is to say that it is the Church who is taking the offensive, and is storming the gates of hell to win ground for Jesus Christ.

All of this provides a context for understanding the fight against abortion and all the manifestations of the Culture of Death. The readings of today should help people understand not only why the Church's pro-life teachings are faithful to Christ, consistent and unchangeable, but also why she does not shy away from asserting that her mission is to transform the culture of the death into the culture of life, and is not deterred from pursuing that mission.

~ Priests for Life

XXI Domingo Ordinario

La fidelidad de Dios es eterna y ha mantenido su promesa y su alianza de generación en generación, independientemente de las infidelidades, rebeldías, traiciones e idolatrías de su pueblo.

La historia del pueblo de Israel es este concatenarse de la fidelidad de Dios y de la infidelidad de su pueblo. La alianza encuentra su pleno cumplimiento en Cristo y en la fundación de su Iglesia. Cristo sella el inicio de la nueva alianza al fundar su Iglesia sobre los Apóstoles, con Pedro como fundamento visible en la tierra: el Papa. Y ratifica esta "alianza nueva y eterna" en el momento de la institución de la Eucaristía, memorial de su pasión redentora, pacto sellado en su Sangre preciosa para la remisión de todos los pecados.

La respuesta inspirada de Pedro –"esto no te lo ha revelado nadie de carne y hueso, sino mi Padre que está en los cielos"– es el conocimiento interior prometido por Dios para aquellos con quienes establece la nueva alianza: "todos me conocerán". Su Iglesia es el nuevo pueblo, con un mandamiento nuevo, con una doctrina nueva, llamada a crear hombres nuevos bajo la guía del Vicario de Cristo, el sucesor de Pedro.

Señor, crea en mí un corazón nuevo para poder conocerte, amarte y vivir en tu Iglesia el mandamiento nuevo del amor, en respuesta a tu elección y a la nueva alianza que has querido establecer libremente conmigo porque me amas.



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Who are the women wearing the blue-print scarves in church?



Maybe you have seen a group of women wearing the same scarf at certain St. James events or Masses and wondered the same thing – who are these women and why are they wearing the scarves?

These women are current and former members of the Catholic Women of St. James (CWOSJ) bible study group. The scarves identify the CWOSJ as a group for special events, funerals, etc. The scarves are blue in honor of the Blessed Mother. The print resembles stained-glass windows.

The CWOSJ meets on Wednesday mornings, September through May, in the Rodney Thomas Room (lower level of Batchelor Hall). Time for fellowship begins at 9:00 a.m. with the program starting at 9:30 a.m. All women are welcome.

The CWOSJ will begin a new book study on Wednesday, September 6. The book will be "7 Secrets of Confession" by Vinny Flynn. If you are interested in attending, please purchase the book either online or through a bookstore before the start of class.

AT A GLANCE | 2023

- 447 Students in PreK3-8
- 26% Military Families
- 25% Families Receiving Financial Aid
- 65% Faculty with Advanced Degrees
- 8 Parishes Represented
- 20 Average Class Size

The first day of School was Wednesday, August 9. We are excited to get a new year underway. Students and teachers alike were ready to get back into the routine of the school year. The tradition of grandparents welcoming our students on the first day of school continued and we are always grateful for their participation.



FAITH FORMATION



Register on the parish website by August 31!!

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**OPENING NIGHT:
 WED., SEPT. 6**
 6:30-8pm @ St. James School

*MIDDLE SCHOOL
 Youth Ministry*

KICK-OFF NIGHT
 Wednesday, September 6
 6:30pm
 Saint James Catholic School
**Open to all
 7th and 8th graders!**

Register online at stjames-etown.org

St. James will be taking a GROUP of interested parishioners and families to the National Eucharistic Congress!



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Information Meeting: Thurs., Sept. 21 @6:30pm in RTR
 Questions? Contact Sr. Augusta!

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The Marquette Method teaches a couple to monitor the female hormones along with other natural signs of fertility to aid the couple's self-knowledge of their fertility in planning their family.

Upcoming Online Group Classes:

- Thursday, September 21st at 7 PM EST
- Thursday, October 26th at 7PM EST
- Thursday, November 9th at 7 PM EST
- Thursday, December 7th at 7 PM EST

For More Information and to Register:

Angela Hobbs, BSN, RN, MMCP
Marquette Method Certified Professional
angela@giftoyourfertility.com
(270)735-3883

The Marquette Method can be used to assist women and couples through all stages of the reproductive lifespan: regular cycles, postpartum and breastfeeding, irregular cycles including PCOS, and perimenopause.



The St. James Forever Young Club will meet on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Batcheldor Hall. The theme for September's meeting will be International Foods. Bring your favorite international dish (even if it is just a good old American dish) and join us for September's meeting. You might want to bring your recipe for your dish in case someone would like you to share it.
Hope to see you there!

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of August 19/20

TOTAL: \$24,343.98

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 call 270-765-7011 ext. 110.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in Batcheldor Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2023.

Thanks to our wonderful donors and volunteers we collected 38 units of blood at the June 25, 2023 drive. If you have not given blood please consider this opportunity to help others. Please contact Joyce Solar at joycesolar@yahoo.com for more information.


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PANTRY NEEDS

- Cereal
- Crackers
- Hamburger Helper
- Jelly
- Tuna Helper

Thank You!

 The first of two annual **Anniversary Masses with Archbishop Fabre** will be held this year at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Sunday September 17, 2023. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023 of **30, 40, 50 and 60 years or longer** are invited to send their names, addresses and number of years married to the parish office right away so they can be recognized at this special mass. **Registration deadline for the event is Friday, September 1, 2023.** The event will be available for viewing via the Cathedral of the Assumption's YouTube Channel.



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