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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.

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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 6:45 p.m. Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Expecting a baby? Call the parish office to begin the process for preparation of baptism.

Couples must contact the parish office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

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office at 270-765-6268 or parishoffice@stjamesetown.org.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

7:00 a.m.\* + Elsie Gerbus

6:00 p.m. + Anthony Dong Pham

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8:00 a.m. + Nora Anne Minor

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. MASS AT SCHOOL

+ Deacon Bob Caspar and

+ Margaret Elizabeth Cecil

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 a.m.\* + Melissa Buckles

8:00 a.m. Lorna Vertrees - Happy Birthday

#### FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 a.m.\* + Elizabeth "Betty" Jackson

8:00 a.m. + Anthony Dong Pham and

+ Margaret Elizabeth Cecil

#### FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

5:00 p.m. + Letty Klein O'Bryan

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. + Stuart Priddy and

+ Tina Hall

10:00 a.m. + Paul McCamish

12:00 p.m. + Barbara & Ulrich Mair

3:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. James

+ Denotes deceased

\*Convent Mass

#### THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

#### Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

#### **NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**

#### First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

#### PARISH WEEKLY PLANNER

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

4:15 p.m. The 99, Rodney Thomas Room (RTR)

6:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.), RTR

6:45 p.m. Confessions, Church

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

9:00 a.m. Zumba Fitness Class, Bacheldor Hall (BH)

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry, RTR

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. Catholic Women of St. James (C.W.O.S.J), Church

9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

11:00 a.m. Ora et Ambulora (Pray & Walk), BH

6:30 p.m. Family Faith Night, Saint James School (SJS)

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

6:00 p.m. Adoración, Iglesia

Fraternus, BH

7:00 p.m. Confesiones, Iglesia

Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church

 $Confirmation\ Year\ 2\ Retreat\text{, St. Ignatius Catholic Church}$ 

8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, Parish Office Basement (POB)

3:00 p.m. Confessions, Church

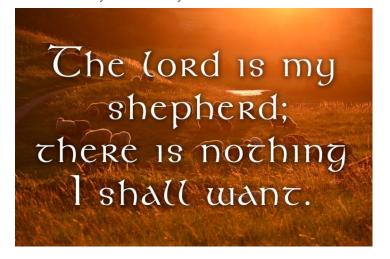
#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts

2:15 p.m. Confesiones, Iglesia

4:00 p.m. Novena - Our Lady of Guadalupe, RTR

\* A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule



#### **PARISH LIFE**





# Request for help from the St. James Respect Life Committee

Next Saturday, December 2nd at 11:00 a.m., we will remove, clean and pack for storage, the 3,025 crosses of the Cemetery of the Innocents, located on the lawn of Dr. & Mrs. Godfrey at the intersection of Ring Road and Pear Orchard Road in Etown.

#### Organization of the work:

Extractors will remove the crosses, possibly tapping them lightly on the side with rubber mallets, if necessary, to loosen them and move them to the cleaning station where:

Cleaners, using brushes, plastic scrapers and water, as necessary, will clean most of the dirt from the bottom of the crosses and place them aside for transport to the packing station.

Packers will move the cleaned crosses to the packing tables. There they will dry, if required, then, using #2 Phillips head screw drivers, loosen and align the crossbars with the uprights and pack them in the storage boxes.

Hats, gloves, water proof shoes or boots are recommended. Tools to bring, if able: rubber mallets, stiff brushes, water buckets, plastic scrapers and #2 Phillips head screw drivers.

Chairs, tables, tarps and drying towels will be provided. Please join us on December 2nd!

The Saint James Respect Life Committee and the Kentucky Right to Life Heartland Association are grateful for your participation. Thank you!

# The National Night of Prayer for Life takes place every year from 9:00 p.m. Dec. 8th to 1:00 a.m. Dec. 9th.

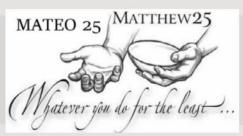
It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.

The National Night of Prayer for Life prayer service consists of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, and silent prayer. One rosary will be said at the beginning of each of the four hours.

Please sign up at the back of the Church this weekend or next to attend an hour or more of the 34th National Night of Prayer for Life to be held at St. James Church.

#### **PARISH LIFE**

Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo Último Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

El profeta Ezequiel, en la primera lectura de este domingo, nos muestra cómo Dios mismo se pone al frente de su rebaño y cómo lo cuida de una forma especial. La reacción de Dios viene por la infidelidad y la mala gestión de los que dirigen al pueblo.

Las palabras del profeta Ezequiel nos anuncian un porvenir diferente, algo que ha de venir y que será capaz de desenmascarar a todos aquellos que no cuiden del rebaño. Y es que las palabras del profeta nos apuntan al Buen Pastor, a Jesucristo, que se desvivirá por las ovejas hasta tal punto de dar la vida por todas y cada una de ellas

San Pablo, en la segunda lectura de este domingo, nos muestra una exposición de la fe cristiana en la resurrección. Con Jesucristo, nos dice el Apóstol, todo ha cambiado y, por ello, la humanidad entera está llamada a un destino que ha comenzado con su resurrección. Nos encontramos aquí con algo esencial de Pablo: algo ha ocurrido, pero todavía está a la espera de su culminación total.

Ser conscientes de esta esperanza nos sitúa en que, sabiendo que ha ocurrido lo esencial, hay que esperar algo para más adelante. Es toda una perspectiva realista la que nos muestra la lectura, ya que nos está dando razón de las imperfecciones que están teniendo lugar en el presente: en lo individual, en lo colectivo, en lo civil y en lo eclesial. Cuando llegue el momento, la Parusía, la humanidad estará bajo la gracia y la vida porque Jesucristo, el Señor de todo, derrotará todo aquello que sea enemigo del ser humano.

El evangelio del último domingo del año litúrgico, nos sitúa en que no debemos olvidar nuestro compromiso práctico con los más necesitados. Porque el amor a Dios, demostrado en el amor hacia los demás, es el mayor signo que permite reconocer la irrupción de la soberanía de Dios en este mundo y en nuestra historia. Y es que Jesús, en el evangelio de hoy, nos muestra que ningún sufrimiento nos puede ser ajeno. Jesús, en el evangelio de hoy, nos ha presentado un juicio, pero no pensemos mal ni en términos de miedo y condena inquisitoria. Solo nos está indicando que quienes se acercan y socorren a los hambrientos y sedientos, a los desnudos, inmigrantes y encarcelados, se están acercando y socorriendo al Dios que se nos manifiesta en Jesucristo. Por ello, solo nos gueda responder una pregunta: ¿Qué será de nosotros o, dicho de otra forma, qué nos ocurrirá si nos olvidamos de los pobres?

The prophet Ezekiel, in this Sunday's first reading, shows us how God himself puts himself in charge of his flock and how he cares for them in a special way. God's reaction comes from the infidelity and mismanagement of those who lead the people.

The words of the prophet Ezekiel announce to us a different future, something that is to come and that will be able to unmask all those who do not take care of the flock. And the words of the prophet point us to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who will go out of his way for the sheep to the point of giving his life for each and every one of them.

Saint Paul, in the second reading this Sunday, shows us an exposition of the Christian faith in the resurrection. With Jesus Christ, the Apostle tells us, everything has changed and, therefore, all of humanity is called to a destiny that has begun with his resurrection. We encounter here something essential about Paul: something has happened, but it is still awaiting its full completion.

Being aware of this hope places us in the position that, knowing that what is essential has happened, we must wait for something later. It is a realist perspective that the reading shows us, since it is giving us an account of the imperfections that are taking place in the present: individually, collectively, civilly and ecclesiastically. When the time comes, the Parousia, humanity will be under grace and life because Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, will defeat everything that is the enemy of human beings.

The gospel of the last Sunday of the liturgical year tells us that we must not forget our practical commitment to those most in need. Because love for God, demonstrated in love for others, is the greatest sign that allows us to recognize the emergence of God's sovereignty in this world and in our history. And Jesus, in today's gospel, shows us that no suffering can be foreign to us. Jesus, in today's gospel, has presented us with a judgment, but let us not think evilly or in terms of fear and inquisitorial condemnation. It is only telling us that those who approach and help the hungry and thirsty, the naked, the immigrants and the imprisoned, are approaching and helping the God who manifests himself to us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we only have to answer one question: What will become of us or, in other words, what will happen to us if we forget about the poor?

#### FAITH FORMATION



- Be renewed through retreat talks led by Fr. John Broussard, CPM
- Be encouraged by small group conversations & times of prayer
- Enjoy Back Home catering & homemade breads & desserts
- Encounter Jesus in the gift of the **Eucharist during Adoration**
- · \$20/woman; register by Dec. 4!

RSVP to attend on the Parish website!

Advent by Candlelight is a mini-retreat hosted by women of our parish for women of our parish!

# What is

# Candlelight anyway?

Advent by Candlelight is an evening of prayer, reflection, friendship, and elegant beauty, hosted by women of our parish for women of our parish. Gathering together from mid-afternoon to early evening, this mini-retreat serves as an "Advent Interruption", giving women of all ages an opportunity to pray, reflect on the season, and connect with old & new friends. The evening includes:

- 2 Key notes talks given by Fr. Broussard, CPM:
   Mary, Mother of the Eucharist
- $\circ$  Imitation of Christ; Sacrificial love and Marian Devotion Catered dinner from "Back Home" plus homemade breads & desserts Eucharistic Adoration, Praise & Worship, and opportunity for Confession





Fr. John, a native of Houston Texas, is a permanently professed religious priest of the Fathers of Mercy (Auburn, KY). He completed his bachelors of philosophy and Masters of Divinity at Holy Apostles College and Seminary, graduating in 2014. Father John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on June 7, 2014. He currently serves as Mission Director and full time on the mission band traveling and preaching parish missions and retreats. Father attributes his vocation to the prayers of his family and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

# Liturgical Living this Advent Season!

Advent begins our Church's new Liturgical calendar! It is a four week period of devout and expectant delight that directs our hearts and minds to Christs second coming at the end of time and to Our Lords birth on Christmas.

\*Set up your Nativity, but leave the manger empty until Christmas!

\*Create a manger for the baby Jesus. Each time your child does something kind or helpful, let them put in one piece of straw to make a soft bed for baby Jesus! \*Read about the lives of the Saints that we celebrate throughout the Advent season.

\*Create a Jesse tree to display in your house.

\*Save some things for the Christmas season! Celebrations start earlier and earlier each year, but maintain some for the Liturgical Christmas season: Christmas Day through the Baptism of our Lord!

Living liturgically is a way to keep your life focused on Christ by following the Church's liturgical seasons in the home through prayer decor and home lit

# Blessing of the Child in the Womb



Expectant mothers awaiting the birth of their child are invited to receive a blessing during or after the following masses:

> Saturday, December 16 5pm Mass

Sunday, December 17 8am, 10am, & 12N Masses

To RSVP, please contact Olivia Dvorjak at (270) 765-6268 ext. 504 or odvorjak@stjames-etown.org by Thursday, December 14.

To submit content for the December 3rd bulletin, please send to *lbradford@stjames-etown.org* by noon on Monday, November 20th, to meet holiday printing deadlines.

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#### Weekend of November 18th and 19th:

#### **TOTAL:**

Not available prior to holiday print deadline.

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 <a href="mailto:immoran@stjames-etown.org">immoran@stjames-etown.org</a> or call 270-765-7011 ext. 110.



The next American Red Cross blood drive will be held at Batcheldor Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on December 10,

**2023.** Please give the gift of life during this Advent season. There is an urgent need for all types of blood in our community. Thanks to our faithful donors and volunteers we collected 35 units of blood on September 10, 2023. Please contact Joyce Solar at <a href="mailto:joycesolar@yahoo.com">joycesolar@yahoo.com</a> for more information.

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The Welcome Committee and the St. James parish family welcomed new families at our monthly Coffee & Doughnuts. It was a great time. We will do the event again in the Spring. *Thanks to all the participants*.



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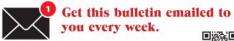




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