all flesh shall see the salvation of God

PHACE.



todo el mundo verá la salvación de Dios

MASS INTENTIONS	PARISH WEEKLY PLANNER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
Saint Damasus I, Pope	4:15 p.m. The 99, Rodney Thomas Room (RTR)
7:00 a.m.* + Elsie Gerbus	6:45 p.m. Confessions, Church
6:00 p.m. + James "Jim" Connelly and	9:00 p.m. Celebration – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church and
+ Maria Su Pham	- 1:00 a.m. Bacheldor Hall (BH)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
7:00 a.m.* + Bill Howard	9:00 a.m. Zumba Fitness Class, BH
8:00 a.m. + Aaron Reding	12:00 p.m. Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, RTR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13	6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry, RTR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
8:00 a.m. MASS AT SCHOOL	5:00 p.m. Confession, Church
+ Derek Dvorjak and	6:30 p.m. Family Faith Night, Saint James School (SJS)
+ Caroline Godfrey	Right to Life Kentucky Heartland, BH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
7:00 a.m.* + William & Annie Horton	Haiti Committee Meeting, Parish Office Basement (POB)
8:00 a.m. + Marilyn & Jason Johnston	6:00 p.m. First Reconciliation, Church
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15	Fraternus, BH
7:00 a.m.* + Bill Howard	7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center
8:00 a.m. Don & Luz Crisp Anniversary	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
8:00 a.m. + Deacon Bob Caspar	— SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
5:00 p.m. + John Hammann	8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17	8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, POB
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, GAUDETE SUNDAY	8:00 p.m. Simbang Gabi Celebration (Filipino), RTR
8:00 a.m. + Louise Wiseman and + Chris Hennessy	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
10:00 a.m. + Ed Cecil	2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling (Youth Ministry), SJS
12:00 p.m. + Carmel Pike	2:15 p.m. Confesiones, Iglesia
3:00 p.m. Parishioners of Saint James	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Year 1 Meeting, Church
*	* A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule
+ Denotes deceased *Convent Mass	MASS SCHEDIILE
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THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS	leading us to Uristmas
Second Sunday of Advent	

 12/23
 Saturday Evening 4th Sunday of Advent

 5:00 p.m.

 12/24
 4th Sunday of Advent

 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. ONLY

 12/24
 Christmas Eve

 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) & 10:00 p.m.

 12/25
 Christmas Day

 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)

First Reading:

First Reading:

Gospel:

Gospel:

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mark 1:1-8

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Advent

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

## Sunday, December 10, 2023

## SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

#### ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH STAFF:

Reverend Michael T. Wimsatt · Pastor Reverend Loi D. Pham · Associate Pastor Reverend Francisco Javier Hernàndez · Associate Pastor **Reverend Charles D. Walker** · Senior Associate **Deacon Bill Clark Deacon Karl Drerup Deacon Dean Sears** Sister Augusta, O.P. · Director of Faith Formation Sister Mary Grace, O.P. · School Principal Laurie Bradford · Office Administrator Olivia Dvorjak · Associate Director of Faith Formation **Gail Hereford** · Administrative Assistant Scott Johnson · Business Manager Dave Martin · Maintenance Assistant Iennifer Moran · Director of Mission Advancement Andy Padgett · Facilities & Maintenance Manager Fabiola J. Sanchez · Administrative Pastoral Assistant **Tim Watts** · Director of Music Ministries

#### **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 Saint James Catholic School 270-765-7011 Saint Vincent de Paul 270-763-4249

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS:**

Monday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday 9:30 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.



#### 2023 - 2024 Parish Pastoral Council Members

Reverend Michael Wimsatt · Pastor Reverend Loi D. Pham · Associate Pastor Lorna Vertrees · Chair Greg Schreacke · 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







Grand Prize EZ-GO Valor Golf Cart or \$10,000 cash option

Saint James School will sell raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of December 30-31 in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are also available in the parish and school offices. The grand prize is an EZ-GO Valor golf cart (sponsored by Extreme Sports) or \$10,000 cash option. Tickets are \$20.00 each and only a maximum of 2,000 will be sold. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to sell additional tickets (businesses welcome) contact the Raffle Chair, Courtney Fleck at courtneyrfleck@gmail.com.

## SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL 2024 SENATOR JOE PRATHER Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient DEACON BILL CLARK



Congratulations to Deacon Bill Clark who has been named the recipient of the 2024 Senator Joe Prather Distinguished Alumni Award. Deacon Bill was born on March 20, 1948 in Elizabethtown. He attended St. James Catholic School and Elizabethtown Catholic High School graduating in 1966. He married his wife Nicki in 1969. He graduated from Bryant Stratton Business College and began his career at Citizens Bank as a loan officer. He continued his education through courses offered at the University of Virginia and the University of Central Florida, obtaining a Certificate of General Banking and Lending. His career then took him to First Federal Saving Bank and PNC bank where he served as vice president. He retired after over 40 years in banking as Senior Vice President of The Cecilian Bank.

Throughout his career he has been active in many clubs and organizations, including the A.M. Rotary, Optimist Club, Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln Trail Home Builders, Ministerial Association, Hardin County Jail Ministry, Knights of Columbus Council 1455, and the Monsignor McGee General Assembly of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. He has served in various leadership roles in these groups including President, Grand Knight and treasurer. He was also instrumental in implementing the Squires Organization, a group aimed at encouraging young men to join the Knights of Columbus.

Bill is a lifelong member of St. James Catholic Church and has practiced his faith in his home parish for 75 years. He was ordained to the Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1996 and has served as a Deacon for twenty-seven years. He has served on Parish Administration Staff, the Finance council, the Formation Committee, and the Archdiocesan personnel board of the Diaconate. He and his wife have taught religious education classes, marriage preparation classes and led Christian Awakening Retreats. He and his wife were instrumental in bringing the couple-to-couple marriage sponsorship program to St. James.

Bill has enshrined a love of catholic education in his children and grandchildren and has contributed to the school by serving on the PTO, the School Board, and the building committee.

The Distinguished Alumni Award was established in 2023 to honor an attendee of Saint James Catholic School for outstanding achievement. This year, there were 7 nominations received and reviewed by the committee. The award will be presented at the annual Black & White Knight event at Saint James Catholic School on Saturday, February 3, 2024.



## Second Sunday of Advent

## **FAITH FORMATION**

Please pray for those who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Dec. 14!

Blessing of the Child in the Womb

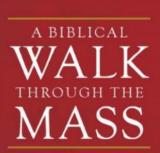


Expectant mothers awaiting the birth of their child are invited to receive a blessing *during or after* the following masses:

> 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.



Congratulations

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MAKING THEIR 1ST CONFESSION!



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EVENING sessions: Mondays, 6:45-8:15 PM, RTR #3,

starts Jan 8

MORNING sessions: Thursdays, 8:45-10:15 AM, RTR #1, starts Jan 11

\$25/person; Register on the Parish Website by Dec. 18! Go to www.stjames-etown.org under Adult Faith Formation or scan a QR code below.







SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17- 2:30PM-8:30PM SAINT JAMES- RODNEY THOMAS ROOM

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> Contact Olivia Dvorjak at the Parish Office for questions!



## PARISH LIFE



Right to Life of Louisville will once again sponsor a prolife advertisement to commemorate the loss of over 63,000,000 babies following the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States for nearly 50 years. Let YOUR voice be heard by participating in this campaign using the QR code or going to <u>https://rtllou.org/24prolifead/</u> and submitting your name. Names received by January 15th will appear in the January 25th edition of The Record.



## The Divine Child's Birth

Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to the skies, how can it be all right to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to end abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ."

The theme of repentance again is stressed in today's readings. As John the Baptizer prepared the people for the coming of Christ by proclaiming repentance, so the Church prepares the world for his second coming by likewise proclaiming, and opening the way, for repentance. The Church not only gives the message of repentance, but gives us all the grace we need to live it out. The straight path that has to be prepared in the wasteland, the lowering of the mountains and filling of the valleys, all represent the arduous task of making our own hearts right in the sight of God, and also the task of making the "terrain" of society and culture right with God.

Here, the building of a Culture of Life is central. It is, in its essence, a preparation for Christ's coming. We make straight the way for welcoming him by welcoming all who are created in his image, particularly the poor, the marginalized, and the unborn. We strive "to be found without stain or defilement, and at peace in his sight" (2nd reading) by being at peace with all our brothers and sisters, including the unborn, and not stained with the sin of rejecting them. -- Priests for Life

Come Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with awe and recognition of the Human Value and Dignity of all children in the womb!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's 34th Annual Night of Prayer for Life.

## PARISH LIFE

## Segundo Domingo de Adviento "Preparad el camino del Señor"

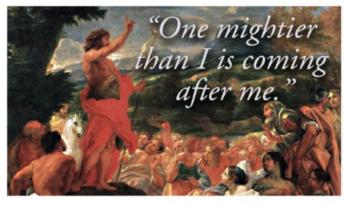
Por medio del profeta Isaías, el Señor infunde esperanza y consuelo a su pueblo, pues regresará junto a él, le perdonará y, cariñosamente, le tomará en brazos. Por eso pide que desde Sion se envíe un emisario que anuncie en el desierto: Preparad el camino del Señor». Proclamando el salmo 84, escuchamos esperanzados la promesa del Señor. Él vendrá a traernos la paz y la justicia, la misericordia y la fidelidad, la salvación y la gloria.



En su segunda carta, San Pedro nos anuncia que el Señor regresará en algún momento. No sabemos cuándo, pero es seguro que lo hará. Por ello debemos tener paciencia, procurando estar siempre bien preparados, para que el Señor nos encuentre en paz, limpios e irreprochables.

San Marcos comienza su Evangelio hablándonos del anuncio de San Juan Bautista. Él es el mensajero del que nos habló el profeta Isaías, el que proclama en el desierto la venida del Salvador, y el que ayuda al pueblo a prepararse para tal acontecimiento. Así es, San Juan Bautista ofrece al pueblo un purificador bautismo de arrepentimiento y conversión interior, para que todos los que lo deseen puedan vivir el Reino de Dios.

## Second Sunday of Advent "Prepare the way of the Lord"



Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord gives hope and comfort to his people, because he will return to them, forgive him, and lovingly take him in his arms. That is why he asks that an emissary be sent from Zion to announce in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

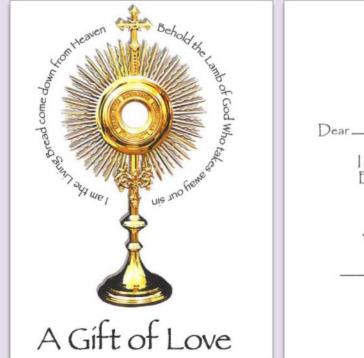
Proclaiming Psalm 84, we listen with hope to the promise of the Lord. He will come to bring us peace and justice, mercy and faithfulness, salvation and glory.

In his second letter, Saint Peter announces to us that the Lord will return at some point. We don't know when, but it is certain that it will. Therefore we must be patient, always trying to be well prepared, so that the Lord finds us at peace, clean and blameless.

Saint Mark begins his Gospel by telling us about the announcement of Saint John the Baptist. He is the messenger that the prophet Isaiah told us about, the one who proclaims the coming of the Savior in the desert, and the one who helps the people prepare for such an event. That's right, Saint John the Baptist offers the people a purifying baptism of repentance and interior conversion, so that all who desire it can live the Kingdom of God.

# What better gift to give others than the gift of prayer!

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.



	Date
ear.	have spent one hour in Eucharistic Adoration praying for you and your intentions.
	Your friend in Christ,

Please use this card 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.

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The cards are at no charge. All you must do is spend one hour in prayer before the Eucharist during Adoration. A GIFT OF PRAYER FOR YOUR VOCATION



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## ANNUAL SAINT JAMES CHRISTMAS PURSE

Here at Saint James Catholic Church we are continually blessed by the dedicated service of our priests, deacons & staff, both at the parish and Saint James School. These individuals continue to put in many hours improving and keeping our church and school in tiptop shape.

The members of Knights of Columbus Council #1455 encourage you to send them a heartfelt "MERRY CHRISTMAS," and "THANK YOU," by contributing to this annual collection.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 1455 will be at the doors of church after each Mass on the following Saturdays and Sundays: December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, and the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, to accept any monetary donation you care to make toward this purse. *Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus.* 

If you prefer you may drop off your donation at Clark Jewelers located at 510 West Poplar St **(please do so by Monday, December 18th)**, or you can mail it to: Knights of Columbus Council #1455 P. O. Box 494, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-0494 **(please post-mark by Thursday, December 14th)**.



## Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

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## Weekend of December 2nd and 3rd

## TOTAL: \$36,375.48

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 <u>imoran@stjames-etown.org</u> or call 270-765-7011 ext. 110.

**KNIGHTS** The parish, Knights, and local businesses contributed over **\$5,900** for programs for persons with intellectual disabilities and special needs in Hardin County through the annual Tootsie Roll Drive.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to: Knights of Columbus Council 1455 PO Box 494 Elizabethtown KY 42702-0494. Thank you for your support!



#### The Forever Young Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on December 12<sup>th</sup> in Batcheldor Hall.

We will have a potluck meal followed by entertainment from "Testify." Come join us and bring a friend!



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