

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS	PARISH WEEKLY PLANNER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18	MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
6:00 p.m. + Derek Dvorjak TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19	6:45 p.m. Confessions, Church6:30 p.m. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.), RTR
8:00 a.m. + Margaret Elizabeth Cecil WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 8:00 a.m. MASS AT CHURCH + Ed Cecil	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 9:00 a.m. Zumba Fitness Class, BH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21	Christmas Break begins for Saint James School. MASS AT CHURCH. 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:00 a.m. + Anthony Dong Pham FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22	 12:00 p.m. Finance Meeting, Parish Office Basement (POB) 5:00 p.m. Confessions, Church 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, BH
8:00 a.m. + Carol & Tom Lynch SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 Saint John of Kanty, Priest	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery, Loretto Center FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:00 a.m. + Maria Paz Gaerlan 5:00 p.m. + Paul McCamish SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	No adoration after Mass today, the church will be closed for decorating. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. + Pete & Pat Riley and + Jim & Donnie Vowels	 — 8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Church 8:45 a.m. Men's Study Group, POB SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
10:00 a.m. + Terry Avenido CHRISTMAS EVE - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	Christmas Eve MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
4:00 p.m. + Joyce E. Hobbs	Christmas Day - The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25th through January 1st. * A funeral Mass may alter this weekly schedule

7:00 p.m.** Parishioners of St. James

10:00 p.m. + "Benny" Cooper

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Louis P. Wiseman

12:00 p.m.** Parishioners of St. James

+ Denotes deceased

- *Convent Mass ** Mass in Spanish

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Gospel:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Gospel:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

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. The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25th through January 1st.

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 - 8:30 a.m. *when Mass is at church*, 9:30 a.m. *when Mass is at school* and closes at 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

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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. FAITH TOOLKIT

OF ADVENT

E ach year, as we enter the final stretch of Advent, the church brings forth from its treasury a collection of ancient prayers, "The Great O Antiphons," which express our longing for the coming of Christ. From December 17 to December 23, the O Antiphons accompany the recitation of Mary's Magnificat during Evening Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours; they also serve as the Alleluia verses before the Gospel readings at Mass. (The carol "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is an adaptation of these antiphons.)

Consider making the O Antiphons part of your own evening prayer at the dinner table, around the Advent wreath or before bed.

Source: USCCB, Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

DECEMBER 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

DECEMBER 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

DECEMBER 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

DECEMBER 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

DECEMBER 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

DECEMBER 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

Third Sunday of Advent

FAITH FORMATION

Happy 3rd Sunday of Advent!

Here are some ways to "live liturgically" in your homes this 3rd Sunday/Week of Advent, Gaudete Sunday!

Light the rose Advent candle & pray Sunday prayers together.
Make Saint Joseph's staff cookies (found on *Catholic Cuisine*) and read about Saint Joseph together as a family.

-Start the O Antiphons on the 17th!

Link to the O Antiphons!



'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 life.

A BIBLICAL MASS



Join Deacon Dean & Susan Sears to Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything

the words, the gestifies and the finals of the wass are first in meaning, overything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating four of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

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

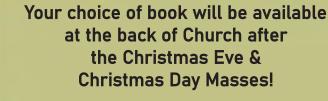
starts Jan 8

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.







MARRIAGE RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE

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!

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Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

PARISH LIFE

Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Matthew II:10

Christmas: A Gift of Life

"The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Saviour; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfilment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)" (St. John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n.1).

The command to "rejoice always" may seem like a demanding requirement, given the fact that things do not always go our way, because of circumstances beyond our control. Yet this rejoicing is always possible, because it is

based on the salvation which Christ has come to bring. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord," Isaiah writes, "for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice."

This "justice," manifested when God rescues his people (for example, from slavery in Egypt) has come to us in the Divine Child whose birth we are preparing to celebrate. He wrapped us in a mantle of justice when, by his death and resurrection, he rescued us from the power of death. "To proclaim liberty to captives" is his mission, as the First Reading indicates in a passage that would later be quoted by Christ himself in reference to his own ministry. The Christmas song "O Holy Night" reflects this theme when it says, "Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease."

We who are rescued must rescue the poor and weak among us, including the poorest and weakest, the unborn children. To celebrate the God who comes to free the oppressed, and has freed us, means to commit ourselves to ending oppression in our culture.

~ Priests for Life ~

PARISH LIFE

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

La alegría del Adviento

En este III Dom. de Adviento la liturgia hace referencia a un ingrediente esencial del tiempo litúrgico que vivimos, y fundamental en la vida del cristiano: la alegría.

La palabra de Dios de este domingo nos trae de la mano de Isaías un mensaje de esperanza. Nos anuncia un

tiempo de gracia del Señor para todos aquellos que sufren. Y nos invita a llenarnos de gozo y de alegría.

Con María, en el magníficat, a modo de salmo responsorial, hacemos nuestro su canto de alabanza a la grandeza de Dios, que mira nuestra pequeñez y humillación, que se fija con gran misericordia en los más desfavorecidos de este mundo para sacarlos de su situación de pobreza.

San Pablo nos invita a la verdadera alegría que se sustenta en la oración y a la acción de Gracias, dejándonos conducir por el Espíritu y consagrándonos en cuerpo y alma al Dios de la paz, hasta que se cumpla la promesa de Jesucristo.

El Evangelio de Juan nos presenta a Juan Bautista como testigo de la luz y voz que grita en el desierto que anuncia a Jesucristo, la Palabra que se encarna.

El Evangelio hoy nos presenta a Juan Bautista, "testigo" de Cristo (saltó de alegría ya antes de nacer). Y el testigo habla no de "opiniones" o "ideas", sino de lo que ha visto y oído... El mundo necesita hoy nuevos testigos de esta alegría de Salvación que viene de Dios, y para la que nos estamos preparando en este tiempo.

La Tristeza es hermana del pecado... pero la Alegría es hija de la Salvación (lejanía de Dios) # (Dios está cerca)

Como Juan Bautista, demos testimonio de Cristo; para que en esta Navidad la auténtica alegría cristiana (la del Emanuel, Dios con nosotros) renueve nuestros corazones y los de todos los hombres.

Amén



Third Sunday of Advent

The joy of Advent

In this Third Sunday of Advent the liturgy refers to an essential ingredient of the liturgical time we live, and fundamental in the life of the Christian: Joy.

This Sunday's word of God

brings us a message of hope from the hand of Isaiah. It announces a time of grace from the Lord for all those who suffer. And it invites us to be filled with joy and happiness.

With Mary, in the Magnificat, as a responsorial psalm, we make her song our own as praise to the greatness of God, who looks at our littleness and humiliation, who looks with great mercy on the most disadvantaged in this world to lift them out of their situation. of poverty.

Saint Paul invites us to true joy that is sustained by prayer and thanksgiving, allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit and consecrating ourselves body and soul to the God of peace, until the promise of Jesus Christ is fulfilled.

The Gospel of John presents us with John the Baptist as a witness of the light and voice that shouts in the desert that announces Jesus Christ, the Word that becomes incarnate.

The Gospel today presents us with John the Baptist, "witness" of Christ (he jumped for joy even before he was born). And the witness speaks not of "opinions" or "ideas," but of what he has seen and heard... Today the world needs new witnesses of this joy of Salvation that comes from God, and for which we are preparing in this moment. time.

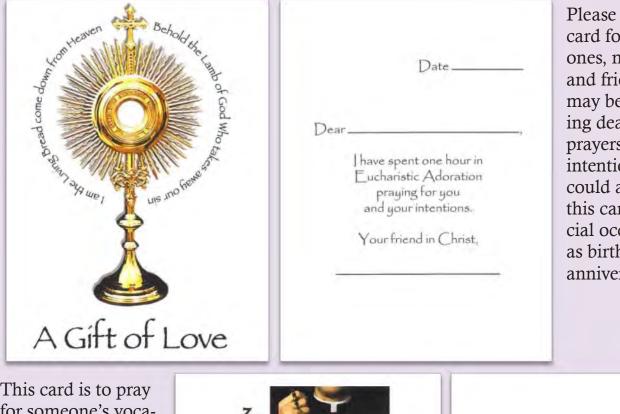
Sadness is the sister of sin... but Joy is the daughter of Salvation (distance from God) # (God is near)

Like John the Baptist, let us bear witness to Christ; so that this Christmas authentic Christian joy (that of Immanuel, God with us) renews our hearts and those of all men.

Amen

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

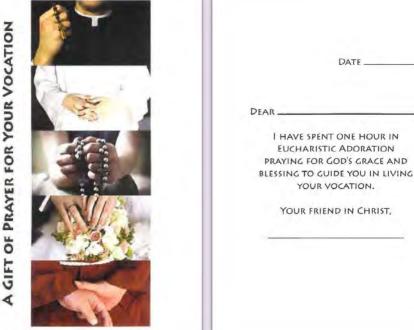
Eucharistic Adoration cards and envelopes are in the pamphlet rack in the back of church. The cards state that you have spent one hour of Eucharistic Adoration praying for someone, or for their intentions.



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.

This 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.



Sunday, December 17, 2023

Saint James Catholic Church Elizabethtown, KY

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 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th, and the 16th & 17th, 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 Street. (please do so by Monday, December 18th.)



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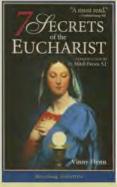
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Stewardship of Treasure Weekend of December 9th and 10th

TOTAL: \$20,190.06

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The Catholic Women of Saint James (CWOSJ) will begin a new study on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in the Rodney Thomas Room (lower level of Batcheldor Hall). A time for fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m. with class beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will be studying the book "7 Secrets of the Eucharist," written by Vinny Flynn. You do not have to attend each week to benefit from these

lessons. Please come when you are able. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend or two.

You can purchase the book on Amazon, EWTN, The Catholic Company, Thriftbooks.com, or download it on your Kindle.

If you have any questions please contact Maggie Beville at 270-307-7907, or Betty Howell at 270-401-2250.

PANTRY NEEDS Cereal Crackers Pancake Syrup Peanut Butter Ramen Noodles Spaghetti Sauce Thank You!

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