

Saint James Catholic Community

*Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020*

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*A Season Of
Peace*

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday - Friday, 8:15am

Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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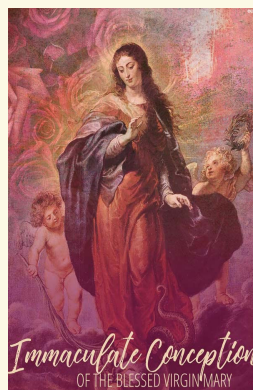
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Mission Statement

We, the community of St. James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us; sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 8



Public Mass Times
6:30am and 7:00pm

The 8:15 Mass will be closed to the public and is for our St. James school children ONLY

The 7:00pm Mass will be live-streamed to both Facebook and YouTube for anyone who can't attend one of the public Masses.

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 2:30pm
- 4:45pm
- 7:15pm
- 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8:00am
- 10:30am



PLEASE NOTE NEW CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Christmas Eve Mass times listed above are different from those on the Advent Calendar you received in the Advent Gift Bag. Please note the change on your calendar.

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

From the Pastor's Pen

Isaiah the Prophet spoke the Word of God: "I am sending my messenger to prepare the way, to make straight his paths." John the Baptist fulfilled this prophesy, crying out to the people: receive the baptism of repentance. One mightier than I is coming." Each season of Advent we are reminded that each disciple of Jesus is called "to prepare the way." We open our hearts more generously to welcome the presence of the Lord. We help others to prepare the way by good example. On this second weekend of Advent we ask the Lord to stir our hearts with great fervor as we "prepare the way" for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

We have two special celebrations this week which call us to attention. The first is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception. God prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary for her role in redemption by giving her a special gift: that she came into the world without the stain of "original sin." This does not mean that she didn't have to suffer heartaches and difficulties or that she was not redeemed by the saving bloodshed of Jesus. It only means that Mary was never separated from God by sin. Remember that at the Annunciation of the angel messenger that she was chosen to be the mother of the Savior. She is addressed as "highly favored daughter." She is also told that she is "blessed among women." So we honor Mary not because she earned or merited this favor, but rather it was a special gift given in relationship as Mother of Jesus.

The other special celebration is also a feast in honor of Mary. I think that all of us are familiar with the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a poor Indian by the name of Juan Diego at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of Mexico City. The beautiful lady instructed him to have the bishop build a shrine on the site and left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on his tilma, a poor-quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years. But the image continues to be preserved to this day. The shrine was built and continues to draw thousands of pilgrims. In fact, it is estimated that 10 million visit her Basilica each year, so that it is one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world. The Blessed Virgin Mary is esteemed under the title of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" by people around the world, but especially by Latinos. You will notice a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe here in our own St. James Church at the back right side as you enter the church.

We embrace Mary as our Mother and Intercessor every day, but especially this week as we celebrate these two Marian feasts in the spirit of our Advent preparation.

Know that my prayers are with you each day.

Fr. Michael

Mass Intentions

Week of December 7 - December 13

Monday 8:15am	<i>St. Ambrose</i> †Dolores Kieffer
Tuesday 6:30am 8:15am 7:00pm	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> †Charles (Dick) Pitts Our Parish All on Our Prayer Chain
Wednesday 8:15am	<i>St. Juan Diego</i> †Earl Pittman Bernie & Jeanne Verssue
Thursday 8:15am	†Fr. Vincent Capodanno Canonization & Intercession
Friday 8:15am 6:00pm	R.C. Arciga Our Hispanic Community
Saturday 5:00pm	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> †Frank Kromeich †Bea Stallbaumer
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	†Antonette Navarria †Harry Woltkamp †Alex Bruening



Contact Info

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sat 4pm until finished; any time requested.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptismal Preparation Classes: Once a month
Contact Kirsten Maggi in the parish office, ext. 202 or
kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org

Religious Education: For Preschool through adult spiritual development, please notify office of needs.

New Parishioners: Please register at the parish office.

We Welcome You!

St. James School: PS-8th grade offered.

Call the School Office, to inquire, 781-4428

Sacrament of Marriage: 9 months advance notice

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

To Schedule an event in our Parish Facility:

email daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org

or call Daryl in the Parish Office.

All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday

12Noon to: bulletin@stjames-liberty.org

**We Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
With A Vigil Mass
On December 11 at 6:00pm**



December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to celebrate this feast day by attending the Vigil Mass on December 11.

Due to Covid restrictions the celebration of this feast day this year is limited to the Vigil Mass as we are unable to celebrate this feast day in the way in which we have in past years.

The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. A poor Indian was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. On December 9, 1531 he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

He was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill and Juan tried to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary, and the God who sent her, accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Last Sunday I shared my thoughts on what Advent means to me. Over the next three weeks I wish to share a few of my Advent traditions, most of which I acquired during the four years I lived in Germany.

Pictured at the left is a rather non-traditional advent calendar. I was

touched when I found this picture because the calendar depicts the great diversity of Christians throughout the world, embraces our children, and pictures each child in clothing resembling their native dress. The Advent calendar was one tradition my children thoroughly enjoyed because I managed to find calendars with sweet treats behind each door. The doors on our calendar were opened each day, with my children taking turns, before our main meal of the day. Prayer was a natural part of this tradition. Although it has been many years since I had an Advent calendar with chocolates and my children have families and homes of their own, I still count each day of Advent with scripture, meditation, and prayer, usually in the morning before coffee and beginning my day. Throughout the season I ask for a greater awareness of God in my life, letting go, and trusting in His will.

As I mentioned above, many of my families Advent traditions originated during my years in Germany. The only memory of Advent tradition prior to that time was the "Hanging of Greens" and placement of candles (to be lit on Christmas Eve) in our church. While in Germany, my elderly German landlady introduced me to making an Advent Wreath, and lighting a candle each Sunday, with the fifth and final candle lit on Christmas Eve. The tradition of an Advent wreath began during the 16th century among Lutherans in Eastern Germany before spreading to all German Protestants and Catholics. In Germany today most of the wreaths are hung from a central pole, the wreath is suspended from ribbons attached to the top of the pole, often attached with a star, always made of evergreens, and has four red candles. Some families include a white candle, for Jesus, that is placed near the central pole. This is the tradition I continue in my home; a wreath of evergreens with four red and one white candle. In this country it is more common to adorn the evergreen wreath with the liturgical colors of purple and pink (3 purple candles and one pink, representing the penitential theme of Advent and the joy of *Gaudete* Sunday, respectively). Wreaths are a symbol of victory and glory, and the Advent wreath also represents our spiritual darkness as we await the coming of the Messiah, the light of the world. Enjoy the season as we await His coming.

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

**HELP CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED
BY SHARING NEW
AND GENTLY USED
WINTER COATS and WARM CLOTHES
FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**



The Pastoral Council is sponsoring a Winter Coat Drive again this year. Many coats are needed. In addition to coats, also needed are socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothing.

Donations are being accepted now through Christmas. Please bring your donations to the Narthex of the former church building. There are two piles - one for adults and one for children. Drop them off by the applicable sign.

Donations will be distributed to St. James Mid-town and homeless veterans in December.

If you are unable to bring your donations to St. James, contact one of our Pastoral Council members to arrange for a pick up. Pastoral Council members and their contact information are listed on page 2 of this bulletin.

Thank you in advance for your donations.



**Hygiene Items Drive
For LoveINC**

The supply of hygiene items at LoveINC is running low and is close to being depleted before Christmas.

The St. James Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a Hygiene Drive to help replenish the supplies.

Items Requested:

Laundry Soap (from Dollar Tree or Dollar Tree
Tissues
Toilet Paper
Women's Deodorant
Shampoo
Toothpaste

A collection barrel has been set up in the Narthex of the former church to receive your donated items.

Thank You In Advance For Your Generosity

Visit Our St. James Website
www.stjames-liberty.org

FIRST CONFESSION



We congratulate the children who participated in confession of sins for the first time this past week.

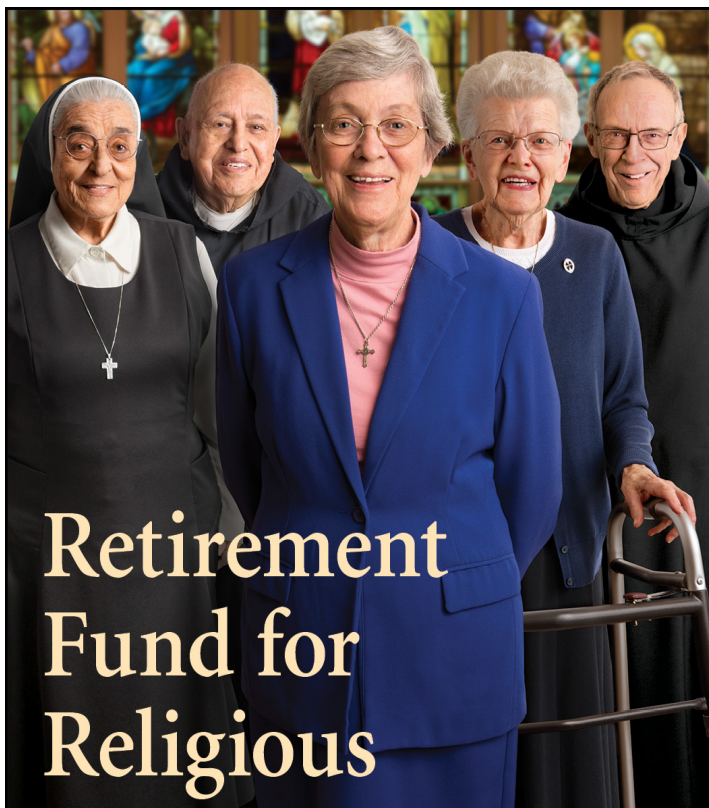
May this be the first of many times that they experience God's love and forgiveness through this very special gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*Victoria Alessi
Anthony Alexander
Antonio Armilio
Kaytlyn Bailey
Maddox Bloomer
Kenneth Boc
Aaden Bolling
Bridget Boswell
Claire Boswell
Avery Bridgford
Lillian Carullo
Gabriella Clutter
Addison Doering
Tristan Doering
Maden Duffy
Brylee Fallon
Fiona Ford
Evie Fortman
Jhante Fuentes
Reese Gabriel
Ashley George
Seeley Glenn
Andrew Graf
Madelyn Gray
Zoe Guthrie
Jordan Hantel
Liam Haskins
Noah Hill*

*Tyler Iske
Jude Jones
Kaithlyn Klinginsmith
Claire Klosterman
Lucy Kopp
Grayson Laird
Jocina Maggio
Marina Mancuso
Michael Mason
Christopher McFaul
Kolton Meiners
Abigail Nyberg
Lauren Poole
Emerson Ragland
Benjamin Richards
Caroline Ricono
Robert Schoen
Juy Seiler
Carson Selchert
Aria Smith
Ashlynn Solberg
Jan Sprung
Landon Swope
Ayden Ferranella
Parker Testrake
Avery Tomlinson
Adalyn Wilson
Parker Zimmerman*

We thank the parents and families who recognize the gift of this Sacrament in their Catholic faith, and who prepared their children so that as a family they may experience and then share God's love. May they continue to fulfill the promises made at their child's baptism.

We thank both Fr. Mike Roach and Fr. Michael Volkmer who served at six services, introducing the children of our parish to confession in such a loving manner. May they continue to be blessed as much as they bless our parish.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Special Collection
Next Weekend - December 12/13

This is a great way to say Thank You to the men and women who have given their life to serve the Lord by serving us.

H.O.P.E. / SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

Dashing Through the Stores

If you're "dashing through the stores" without a one horse open sleigh, simplify your Christmas shopping by giving HOPE gift cards for their favorite stores to all on your Christmas list.

HOPE Gift Cards can be purchased in the Parish Office Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 11:00am.

If these hours are not convenient, please contact the parish office (816-781-4343 ext 200) and we will get in touch with you to arrange a safe drop/pickup.

While HOPE gift cards are kept in stock for most of the frequently asked for cards, the card you want may need to be ordered in advance.

You can obtain a complete list of all cards available in the parish office and on the St. James website at www.stjames-liberty.org.



**Simplify Your Christmas Shopping !
Give HOPE Gift Cards**

Honor Your Loved Ones With Flowers



The sanctuary will be decorated this Christmas Season with flowers in honor or memory of our families and friends.

To add your loved ones, drop the Christmas Flower Offering envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection or bring your envelope to the parish office weekdays between 8:30am - 11:00am.

The Meaning Of The Advent Wreath Candles



There's a deeper spiritual meaning to each Sunday of Advent and the Advent Wreath candle it represents.

The *1st Sunday of Advent* symbolizes "Hope" with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

The *2nd Sunday of Advent* symbolizes "Love" with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The *3rd Sunday of Advent* symbolizes "Joy" with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

The *4th Sunday of Advent* symbolizes "Peace" with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Parish Religious Education

Take the challenge to spend time this Advent season using the symbolism of the *12 Days of Christmas* to be fully prepared for the coming of Jesus. This is a great way to connect your family to Jesus and to some of basic components of the Catholic faith!

Is your Nativity set displayed for all to see? Involve your children in setting up the display and remember to withhold the baby Jesus until Christmas day. Consider putting the Magi away from the stable and let the children move them closer to the manger each day!

Hillcrest Hope



The Religious Education Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to participate in a donation effort for Hillcrest Hope. Our resident family has been offered an extended stay through the end of the year, and we

would like to make Christmas a bit better in their time of need by providing a Hy-Vee catered Christmas meal direct to their table Christmas day.

Donations should be payable to St. James with a notation of Hillcrest, and can be forwarded to Lori Tajchman through the office or the collection basket. Donations above the cost of Christmas dinner will be used to spruce up our apartment and restock groceries and necessities to welcome a new family in January.

St. James sponsors an apartment at Hillcrest Hope which provides temporary housing and supports for people who are homeless or nearly homeless. The program provides guidance and supports that teach residents how to budget and save for a successful new chapter while living in a needs-only environment.

St. James School News

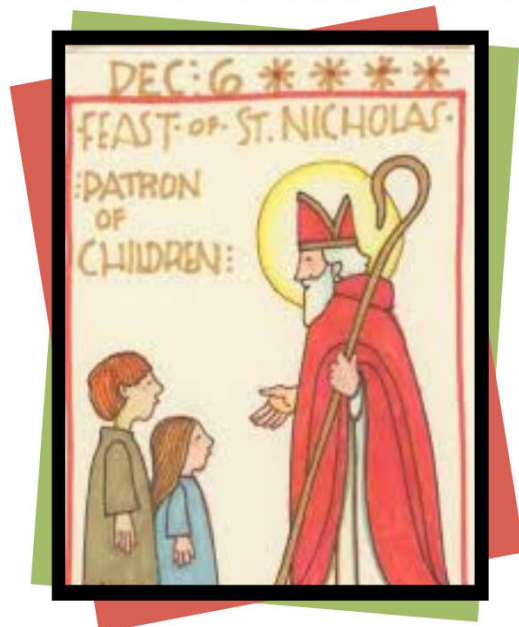


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Growing Together: Faith, Family and Friends

Help Us Pray for ALL the Children of St. James Parish

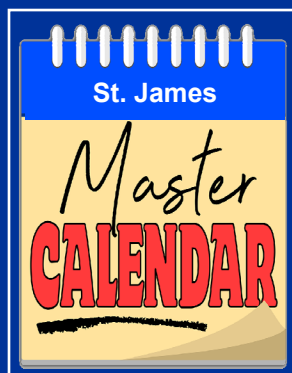


Prayer in honor of Saint Nicholas:

We thank you for good Saint Nicholas who was known for his love and care for children. Through his intercession we ask you to help us always to take care of children, to protect and guide them, and to keep them safe. Help us to be open to all that children can teach us about pure joy and unconditional love. May we in turn help our children to grow into the beautiful persons that you created them to be. Keep us mindful of the needs of others and to reach out with love and generosity as Saint Nicholas did. We rejoice in your servant Nicholas and pray that we too may follow you with singleness of heart and mind.

Amen.

**Please Remember!
Get It Put On The St. James Master Calendar**



Anything, including events, food drives, meetings, etc. held on our St. James Campus has to be on our Master Calendar.

Contact Daryl Sweetland
daryl.sweetland@stjames-liberty.org
781-4343 x200
to get yours on the calendar

St. James School

Call: 816-781-4428
Webpage: www.sjsliberty.com
Facebook: St. James Catholic School

Our Lady of Mercy Country Home Fundraiser December 18

Order ~ Pick Up ~ And Go

Tamale Sale

**Friday,
Dec. 18th**



*Our Lady of Mercy
Country Home*

MENU

We are busy making tamales to add to your holiday or game day tables.

Orders will be made in half dozen \$10 or dozen \$20.

Call the Tamale hotline to order 816-872-0061

Email Alex

Ahalberstadt@ourladyofmercy.net

to pre order today!

Our Lady of Mercy Tamale Fundraiser



All proceeds will go to Our Lady of Mercy Country Home. They will be a delicious treat to enjoy with friends and family and help a worthy cause.

Exact change, check, or credit card please.

Pick Up Location & Same Day Sale

Come to Our Lady of Mercy Country Home to pick up your homemade tamales on Friday, December 18 from 4:30pm - 7:30pm.

We are located off South Liberty Parkway, at 2115 Maturana Drive, Liberty

We Look Forward To Seeing You

A Brand New Catholic Key Is Coming Soon

Watch your mailboxes later this month for a whole new Catholic Key, now a quarterly diocesan print and digital magazine.

Get ready for inspiring stories of individual personal witness, commentary for marriage, parenting and work, new ministries and much more.

Coming soon to all registered Catholic households in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

**We Livestream Our Sunday 8:00am Mass
on Facebook Live and YouTube**
Video available later on our website



During the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities KCSJ has made a tremendous impact on the people in our communities. Approximately 16,957 people were impacted by our services; nearly half of whom had children in the home. 85% of those we served were widowed, single, divorced or separated, 62% were female, 21% were seniors, 27% were ex-offenders, 19% were disabled and 10% were veterans.

We provided over \$1.3 million in rent, utility, and other emergency assistance. In addition, 222 individuals obtained employment as a direct result of the services we offered. Catholic Charities also facilitated the adoption of two children this year. Although we are proud of the impact we have made, we are aware there is much more to be done and are very thankful for your continued support of our outreach.

For more information on our programs and impact please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.



St. James Council 6780

Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community?

If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus



Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.

Carolyn Roach	Elizabeth Lewey	Henry Russell-
Jill Bolling	Stephanie Medley	Reinhardt
Bailey Eddy	Janet Schoenrock	Sam Schembri
Glynn Gallagher	Andrew Brown	Dennis Valentine
Benjamin Garvey	Shane Busch	John Alvey
Brian Haynes	Michael Damot	Liam Arciga
Katie Kohrs	Anna Filardo	Sadie Brier
Angela Reed	Cade Gardner	Elizabeth Crossett
Christina Spencer	Wayne Halter	Tristan Doering
Sharon Willis	Henry Jekel	Gary Fuller
David Curasi	Melissa Panis	Nicole Marshall
Mark Hill	Sarah Simon	Kellen McCabe
Angela Holtkamp	Noah Theleman	Reid Meriwether
Amber Johnson	Marissa Vernickas	Erin Stiens
Robert Kosorog	Jamie Adams	Mary Eddy
Douglas Lewey	Lisa Barbosa	Pamela Filardo
Margaret Reyes	Vicki Cali	Michael Herr
Payton Whiston	Dillon Erwin	Theresa Marks
Todd Brown	Xavier Florez	Phillip Stewart
Lillian Carullo	Jeanette Gaudin	Melissa Theleman
James Ehlers	Jeremiah Halter	Katelyn Watts
Maribelle Jones	Emily McCoy	
Kimberlie Lackey	Colleen Richards	

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

John Mreen	Don Taylor	Denny Farrell
John Williams	Leo Oberfoel	Nancy Carr
Paul Preston	Kai Bennett	The Hollomon Family
Deacon Doug Hemke	Nick Peters	Trivino Family
Dorothy Ann George	Dwain Jones	Jacke & Enike Hayes
John Murphy	Desmond Arciga-Quenga	Catherine Finley
Derek and Katie	Kathleen Amos	Loren Wolken
Nancy West	Frances Parker	Carla George
Tim Farmer	Michelle Bacus	Sue McKnight
Tracy Helin	Brian Glaser	Kyle Sellmeyer
John Fessler	Anna Kain	Margarita Mendoza Family
Jessica & Brad	Mark Schweitzer	Bob Hedrick
Ricky & DeeDee	Jennifer Goens	Marie Brancato
Sue & Shannen	Lucy Arthur	Rich Curasi
Christi Dudrey	Bill Kirwan	Tricia Kauffman
Gene Stephani	Jamie Martin	Bob Roach
John Davis	Deacon Bud	John Brocato
Leonard Studer	Jackson Erwin	Barbara (Roach) Still
Arsenio "R.C." Arciga	Pat Carey & Family	Debbie Pickett
Janet Walker	Gavin McKenna	Kathleen Haines
Rory Elliott	James Fulton	John Phannenstiel
Casel Family	Helen Szczech	Mike Sheeley
Fr. Joe Miller	Angie Parnacott	Rick George
John Murphy	Eddie Campbell	Saree Morely
Todd Higgins	Adam McCray	Christy Mock
Larry & Bea Farnan	Melissa Andrasik	John Findlay
Walter Swanson	Randi Arness	Duane Sander
Ron Shinkle	Tom Biggs	Mattie Mae Weaver
Michael Ruiz	Diana Marchisio	Troy Cronkite
Jolynn Distasio	Wilfredo Crespo, Jr.	June Bender
Kathy Peters	Sandra Hensley	Matt Biskup Family
Pete Gardner	Rachelle Pomfrey	Kim Lackey
Dan Habiger	Ron & Peggy Pettz	Pam Fink
George Katzer	Paul Gossett	John Nausea
Mauricia O'Brien	Julie Rush	Bill Roach, Jr.
Carol O'Brien	John & Susan Kelly Corsione	Jacob & Dana Lansford
Janet Ward & Jeff	Tony & Jo's Family	Roberta McCallum
Julie Miller	Colleen Kearney	Keith Newman
James Philippe	Lynn & Monica Nelson	Gary Andrew Reese
Alicia Paredes	Michael Amos	Emma Shay
Mike Mall	Alice Hosticka	Joseph Greenwald
Bob Pezman	Hannah Taylor	Sam Porter
Jack & Sue Schwarz	Carol Rakoczy	Mary Alice Worth
George Polsdofer	Ellen Wentz	Amy Villarreal
Patty Larson	Rodriguez Family	Lori & Sam Dale
David Roach	Jan Peters	Mary Kaye Masnado
James Gubera	Scott Neibergall	Carolee Bussjaeger
Tina Helm	Margo Eastland	John Amaro
Hazel Lewis	Adalina Simmons	Randy Baumert
Dan Tomc	Margie Myers	Jackie Plack Pelling
Laurie Beach	Jean and Richard Jackson	Kennedy Noel Holcumbkin
Rachel Johnson	Steve Decker	Rita Lowe / Megan
Wanda Finnigan	Linda Smith	Tony V. Sr.
Geralyn Hosticka	Pamela & James Anderson	Deric DeMasi
Beth Atwater	Travis Shay	Sarah Rupp
David Butel & Family	Barbara Meigs	Chris Alvey
Eric Cummings	Tony and Tet So	Patrick O'Neill
Ciara Davis	Travis & Sarah Shay	John McMahon
Pat Neibergall-Timm	The Curiel Family	Eddie Ansalmo
Brian Akers	Reba & Debra Sutlief	Maria Giannelli
Audria Martin	Alice Rusch	Kenadee Gallagher
Jose Torres	Monica Barrington	Shawn Adkins
Erma Brecht	Kari & Jesse Rainey	Jason Robinson
Dan & Bibi Chadwick	Louise Andrasik	Leah Biskup Coady
Pat Aten	Barbara Fortier	Olivia Hernandez
John Vrocato	Barb Schwery	Darleen Farnan Kenny
John Barrington	Nichole Stewart	Laura Ann DiGiovanna
Donnie Smith	Doug Schuster	Robert Doleshal
Philip Pernice	Kelly Gentrup	Jersey & James Hicks



Visit the St. James Website This Advent
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*please
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No Communal Advent Penance Service This Year

Due to Covid, there will not be a communal Advent Penance Service at St. James this year.

You are encouraged to make a private confession at the regularly confession time at 4:00pm on Saturday.

First Saturday Confessions will also be heard on Saturday, December 5, from 7:30am - 8:30am (see page 3)

Confession By Appointment

The priests at St. James are more than willing to hear your confession at any time.

They do ask that it be arranged by appointment so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.

Please call the office at 816-781-4343 to make an appointment.

Make An Act Of Perfect Contrition

If unable to get to Confession: make an act of Perfect Contrition, which requires:

- The love of God
- The sincere desire for forgiveness
- The ardent commitment to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when available.

There is no set formula for making an act of contrition, but a common one reads as follows: *“My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.”*

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Our bulletin printer has an early deadline for the December 20, 27, and January 3 Bulletins.

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