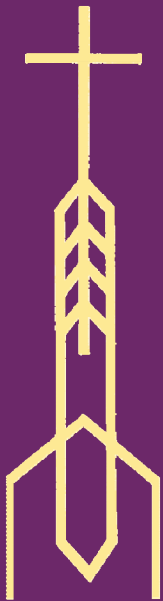


Saint James Catholic Community

*Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020*

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St. James Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-11:00am

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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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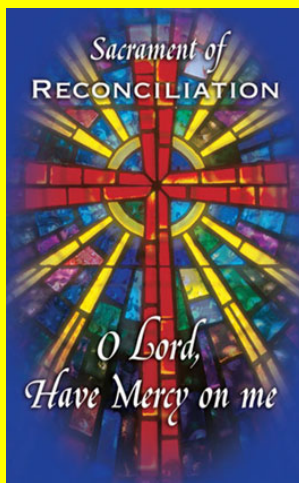
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Mission Statement

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 every-one, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality.



Additional Confession Times This Advent

Wednesday, December 16
 11:00am - 12:00noon

Thursday, December 17
 11:00am - 12:00noon

Saturday, December 19
 11:00am - 12:00noon

These are in addition to our regular Saturday 4:00pm confession time

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.

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

This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as 'Gaudete' Sunday (which mean 'Rejoice, the coming of the Lord is near)! We reflect on the two main characters of the Advent season – John the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, Jesus – and challenged others to live lives of love and faithfulness to God in the midst of hardships and struggles. And the Virgin Mary, who said yes to the angel to become the Mother of God. These two figures help us to reflect on what is important in these last two weeks of Advent: How are we preparing for the coming of Jesus among us, and how is the Lord speaking to us as he did to Mary?

As we journey through this pandemic, we know that Christmas, as similar holidays in 2020, will look 'different'. We may not be able to gather with family and friends in the same way as we did in years past, but we can still reflect the presence of the Messiah in our daily lives.

On behalf of Fr. Michael and our parish staff, I just want to say THANK YOU once again to our parish community, for your patience and endurance during these tough times, and for your generosity to continue the good work of our parish community, as well as to help those in need.

This is the message of Advent / Christmas – to continue to be people of Hope, in the midst of difficult circumstances.

We look forward to the celebration of Christmas Masses, but we also realize people need to be safe and feel secure. As you can see we have added Masses. Know that everyone is invited, but we will be 'live-streaming' all the Masses of Christmas for those who are not able to attend in person..

If you are planning to attend one of our Christmas Masses, please be aware of what we're asking – that we not arrive until 30 minutes before Mass and pews cannot be saved. We will have ushers and greeters who will seat families. It will be a 'safe and secure environment', where we will be socially distanced, and again, wearing masks throughout the whole Mass. Thanks again for helping us keep everyone safe and healthy!

Blessings to you as we open our hearts of the birth of the Christ child among us, and may each of our lives reflect that Goodness and Love in all that we do.

Peace, Fr. Mike

Mass Intentions

Week of December 14 - December 20

Monday 8:15am	St. John of the Cross †Dolores Kieffer
Tuesday 8:15am	†Fred Thomason
Wednesday 8:15am	†Fr. Vince Hoying, C.PP.S Judy Keisling
Thursday 8:15am	†Sylvester Ginther John Cambiano Mreen
Friday 8:15am	Georgia Hampton
Saturday 5:00pm	†Walter Runde †Joanna Mooney
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am	†Gerald Mindel †Sandy Brier



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

Thank you, St. James, for continuing to generously support our Advent Giving Tree ministry



Given COVID restrictions, we had to completely re-write how this ministry worked this year. But you enthusiastically embraced the new process and came through strongly, as you always do.

As a result of your generous donations, we were able to provide much needed help to nine agencies within the metro area. Your donations provided aid to expectant mothers, Christmas smiles to nursing home residents, and funds for groceries and Christmas gifts for St. James Midtown families, as well as families within our own parish. You helped support the work of two community pantries. And you continued to help support the ministries of Hillcrest Hope and Love INC.

You truly demonstrated the love of Christ with your generosity. Thank you so much for ensuring our 2020 Advent Giving Tree remained a bright spot for those in need. In a year with so much pain, suffering, and uncertainty, you provided relief and hope.

Advent Giving Tree Supported . . .

Nine Agencies

St. James Liberty
Bishop Sullivan Center
Hillcrest Hope
Love INC
Liberty Women's Clinic
Journey to New Life
Kansas City Indian Center
Ashton Court
Cedars of Liberty

69 Families That Included:

More than 140 individuals
More than 100 children
9 expectant mothers

230 Residents From Two Nursing Homes

Thank you.

Advent Giving Tree Committee

Someone is Watching and Wondering



Advent and Christmas, for me, are always special when I share them with family and friends. In the past, I particularly enjoyed sharing this time and traditions with children, first my nieces and nephew, followed by my own children, then my grandchildren. With the passing of

time, however, my youngest grandchild is twelve, and grandma's traditions often seem old fashion and out of touch. Perhaps that is why I am sharing them with you.

Since becoming a Catholic I think my favorite Advent tradition is the Jesse Tree. If you received an Advent gift bag from St. James you have already found a description and suggestions for making a Jesse Tree for your home; maybe you already have one. Still, I wanted to share my memories.

For many years my daughter, Julie, facilitated the program for children who with family members were participating in the journey for reception of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) through the RCIA. Although the children had made Jesse Trees before, one particular year they used Sculpture-clay to fashion ornaments that symbolized each person from scripture, remembered on their particular tree. For example, a rose for Mary, a hammer or chisel for Joseph, a lyre for David, and so on. The children were very creative and most included individuals from Bible stories they remembered or that they read for this project. They created apples or apple trees for Adam and Eve, a lion for Daniel, pairs of animals or an ark for Noah, a scroll for the prophets; I think you get the picture. After completing their projects and showing them to their parents I was asked why include symbols for people who were not from Jesse's line. The answer was simple; one the children grasped, while some of the adults struggled.

When we think of our spiritual family, we cannot forget the many generations who preceded Jesse, yet were so vital in the Jewish faith, to Jesus as a child when he was instructed in Judaism by his mother, Mary, and to all Christians whose salvation history is so intimately connected to Judaism. We also cannot forget those who followed Jesus, who lived the faith, and through the example of their lives spread the Gospel message. In simplest terms, the Jesse Tree represents more than the ancestral lineage of Jesus, it represents our entire spiritual family. A suggestion, therefore, that may seem completely out of the box, is to include a picture, symbol, or written note of someone who has significantly impacted your life; a person who lives the good news of Jesus in loving service to others. If you have already made a Jesse Tree, maybe there is someone else to add.

Your sister in Christ, *Sandy Gagnon*

Blessing Of The Baby Jesus Next Weekend



**Bring the
Baby Jesus figure
from your
home Nativity Set to
Mass next weekend
for this
special blessing**

For those unable to attend Mass next weekend, you may bring your Baby Jesus to the Drive-by Blessing Event in front of the church on Sunday, December 20 from 12noon until 1pm.

The blessing of the Baby Jesus was instituted by St. John Paul II. It is also known as *Bambinelli Sunday* (*Bambinelli* is Italian, the plural of *bambinello* which means "little baby [boy].")

The Blessing of the Baby Jesus is a wonderful occasion to remind families that, amidst the garland and Christmas trees, the true meaning of Christmas celebration is the Birth of Jesus.

THANK YOU TO OUR PEW CLEANING CREW

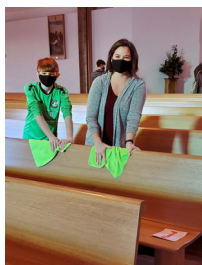


A big thank you to ALL the volunteers who are helping us with disinfecting pews after weekend Masses. This has saved so much time and your help is keeping St. James safe!!!

We appreciate all of you who come at your scheduled Masses and also those who jump in even though they aren't on the schedule! All are welcome to help us! We have children drying pews, middle school and high school students disinfecting with us as they earn much needed service hours and gracious individuals and families of all ages.

When we began this new protocol, it took one person 4 hours to disinfect all the sections of pews. With your help - we have been able to disinfect after Masses typically within 30 minutes and after one Mass we had so many volunteers that it only took us 18 minutes!!!

Every volunteer is so appreciated and we thank the Lord for your willingness to serve!!! Thank you so much!!!



Stewardship of Treasure

Thank You! So many continue to support our parish family during this difficult time. Your care for St. James is overwhelming. We are being able to keep up on all our bills for the basic needs of the church.

Pledge Cards – I have made copies. You may find them in the plex glass hold on the wall in the Gathering Space. If you would like to fill one out to help us plan our budget, you may drop the completed card in the giving baskets.

Know our prayers are keeping us together in our hearts.

As always, if you have any questions and/or concerns about any financial numbers – please feel free to contact me.

Blessings, Katie Klassen

816-781-4343 x220 Katie@stjames-liberty.org

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 Midtown 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.
They are a blessing to the less fortunate.**

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 an envelope with your name, the names of the people to remember or honor, and your donation in the collection basket or bring your envelope to the parish office weekdays from 8:30am to 11:00am.

Use the Christmas Flower Offering envelope from your packet or another envelope, marked Poinsettias, to make our donation.

Thank You For Adding To the Beauty Of Our Church This Christmas

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Articles and information for these bulletins must be submitted by end of day of the deadline date listed below for each bulletin.

Bulletin Date

Deadline

December 27

Mon - December 14

January 3

Mon - December 21

Thank You For Sending Your Info On Time

Catholic Key Magazine Debuts December 15

The brand new Catholic Key magazine will begin arriving in mailboxes after December 15, as a complementary benefit to all diocesan parishioners.

We are so grateful to our founding sponsors whose support have made this first issue possible: St. Anthony's Senior Living, the Annual Catholic Appeal, Fr. Tom Hawkins, Global Prairie, Bright Futures Fund and Conception Seminary.

The magazine will have a digital edition with expanded content and features available soon at the newly designed catholickey.org.

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



HOPE GIFT CARD MINISTRY

Have You Placed Your Christmas Gift Card Orders Yet?

Your purchases support education Ministries at St. James

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

Thank You for Supporting Our HOPE Gift Card Ministry



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

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!



As we prepare for Christmas and as the pandemic continues to make its presence felt in our community, we know that our families will be making plans for Christmas earlier than usual so that they can coordinate with family and friends. We have a few things for you to consider when you are making decisions about what your family will be doing.

Christmas is always a big celebration for our parish, and a time when we see lots of faces we have missed--attendance at our Christmas Masses is always very high, especially the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve. So with that in mind, and keeping everyone's health and safety at the forefront, we have changed our normal Christmas Mass schedule to add in some more options:

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 2:30 pm, 4:45 pm, 7:15 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am.

(These times reflect a change from the calendars in the Advent bags.)

We will also be live-streaming all of our Christmas Masses for those who would prefer to participate at home.

We are still at limited capacity under the Clay County order, so we are going to put in place a couple of measures to ensure that we are in compliance, but more so that we are keeping parishioners who attend in-person safe.

- No one will be seated in the church until 30 minutes before Mass time. This allows our custodial team time to sanitize and disinfect the pews. Our entire team will be on hand for these Masses so that our volunteer crews can be with their families.
- Ushers will seat everyone to maintain social distancing and to ensure that we accommodate as many as we can safely host.
- Because of the first two items, your entire group will need to be present before you can be seated. We can't save seats or hold pews like we have in the past. We completely understand what a challenge this will be, but we are doing our best to make this work for all.

We have sent out a survey asking you to tell us which Mass your family is planning to attend or if you will be following along at home. This survey won't guarantee you a seat at the Mass you choose, but it's also not a firm commitment on your part to attend that Mass if your plans change. We know how hard it is to coordinate family plans, but we'd like to have a ballpark idea of how many to expect at each Mass.

This Christmas won't look like it has in the past, but we hope that by being flexible and rolling with the changes, we can all still have a safe and joyful Christmas!

Why The 3rd Sunday of Advent is Called Gaudete Sunday



By week three we have passed the half-way point of Advent. Jesus is near. Christmas is almost here.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this

celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

The Third Sunday has traditionally been a respite from the penitential themes of Advent emphasizing

instead the joy of the coming of the Lord. It is a reminder to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ. Thus, the third Sunday is also known as Gaudete Sunday.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. Priests may also wear rose-colored vestments on this Sunday.

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

Our Hillcrest Family's Christmas



Our parish sponsors an apartment in the Hillcrest Hope complex here in Liberty. Hillcrest Hope is an amazing program that moves families from homelessness to self-sufficiency through hard work and strict fiscal discipline.

Many families find themselves in desperate situations through no fault of their own, they just have no safety net. Hillcrest gives them a few months of respite to get back on their feet and then follows them for several years to be sure that they are stable and financially secure.

While in the program, families are allowed NO discretionary spending, so Christmas gifts and Christmas spending are off the table. That's where the apartment sponsors come in--we make sure that the family has gifts to open and a Christmas dinner to eat. Because of the pandemic, Hillcrest has asked us to just provide the dinner, so we are asking for donations of Hy-Vee, Price Chopper or Walmart gift cards to provide our little family with an exceptional meal.

Our family is George and Susan and their teen-aged son, Ian. They joined the program in August when Covid-related issues caused their landlord to need to quickly sell their residence. Ongoing health problems for George complicated matters and created a setback, but luckily Susan was able to continue working. They were granted an extension to stay in the apartment while George heals, but will be able to transition in January to Hillcrest's graduate program. George and Susan have done a great job in the program, they've diligently completed all of their lessons and are great candidates for a successful life - even Ian has pitched in to help around the complex and has learned a lot. We'd like to celebrate their hard work with a great meal!

Donations would be gratefully appreciated - checks can be made payable to St James with the notation of "Hillcrest family" in the memo. Hope cards are also a great option. Send those to Lori Tajchman through the parish office or the collection basket. Any donations over and above the cost of their dinner will be used to restock our apartment so we can welcome a new family in January.

Not only do we need donations, but looking ahead to their graduation, we will need to deep clean the apartment, shop for restocking items, and often need the help of a light handyman. If you would like to be a part of our Hillcrest Ministry team, contact Lori Tajchman to learn how you can help!

Our thanks to all of our St James partners who have always supported this ministry so generously!

St. James School News



**ST. JAMES
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

WWW.SJSLIBERTY.COM

Growing Together: Faith, Family and Friends

Facts About SJS

- Early Childhood Program for Children 2-5 Years Old
- Kindergarten - 8th Grade
- Small Class Sizes
- Weekly Mass for 1st-8th Grade & Prayer Service for Early Childhood and Kindergarten
- Daily School Hours: 7:45AM - 3:10PM
- Uniforms are Worn in K-8th Grades
- Registered Nurse & Health Room Aide on Staff Full Time
- Kindergarten - 8th Grade One-to-One Chromebooks
- Rotating Enrichment Classes for ALL Students
- Electives for Middle School Students, Changing Quarterly
- Active School Advisory Committee
- Enrollment Between 325-350
- Iowa Assessment Standardized Testing for 3th-8th Grades

Information

St. James School

Call: 816-781-4428

Webpage: www.sjsliberty.com

Facebook: [St. James Catholic School](https://www.facebook.com/StJamesCatholicSchool)

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

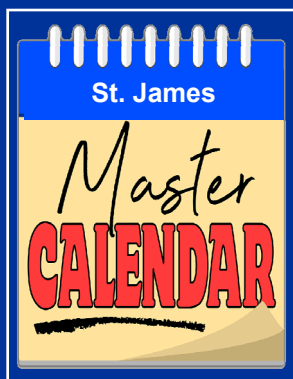
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Evan Langdon	Biesemeyer	Taylor Neal
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John Flowers	Andrew Klosak	Joanna Aguirre
Patrick Glasford	Victoria Lopez	Theresa Bacon
Christopher Henry	Patrick O'Donnell	Susan Chartier
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Jacob Guenther	Rachel Richardson	Edward Winkler
Ella Jorgensen	Wailan VanDusen	
Carrie Klebenstone	Brittanie Baker	
Areli Lea	Hazel Culli	
Lincoln McCoy		

We Pray to our Lord Jesus for healing

Susan Koeppen	Philip Pernice	Kelly Gentrup
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
Sue & Shannen	Bill Kirwan	Tricia Kauffman
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Ron Shinkle	Diana Marchisio	Troy Cronkite
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Jolynn Distasio	Sandra Hensley	Matt Bishop Family
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Mauricia O'Brien	John & Susan-Kelly Corsione	Jacob & Dana Lansford
Carol O'Brien	Tony & Jo's Family	Robert McCallum
Janet Ward & Jeff	Colleen Kearney	Keith Newman
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Alicia Paredes	Alice Hosticka	Joseph Greenwald
Mike Mall	Hannah Taylor	Sam Porter
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Parish Religious Education

In this season of preparation, I find myself feeling at least a day behind. In prayer this week, meditating on last week's Gospel (admittedly a day late!), I made a connection between our sacrament prep program and John the Baptist's preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. I looked back at a very busy week that brought the gift of sharing the Sacrament of First Reconciliation with 55 students. What a blessing to have been able to put the Gospel into action with our young church members as they repented of their sins and experienced God's love and forgiveness through Jesus! Please continue to pray for these students who have now celebrated the sacrament, as well as about 20 more who will do so in January.

Confirmation students, please remember to turn in your Saint Name Forms! Forms can be left in the church office, in the collection basket or emailed to Lori Tajchman.

Thank you to all who sent in donations and offered to volunteer time to support our Hillcrest Hope resident family. Thanks to the good will of St. James, George, Susan and Ian will feast well on Christmas day, and our apartment will be nicely spruced up for our next resident, hopefully to transition in January. Donations will continue to be accepted and can be forwarded to Lori Tajchman's attention.

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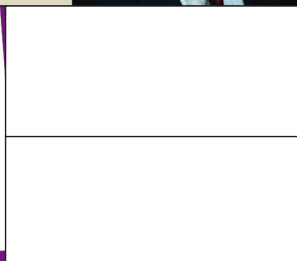


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