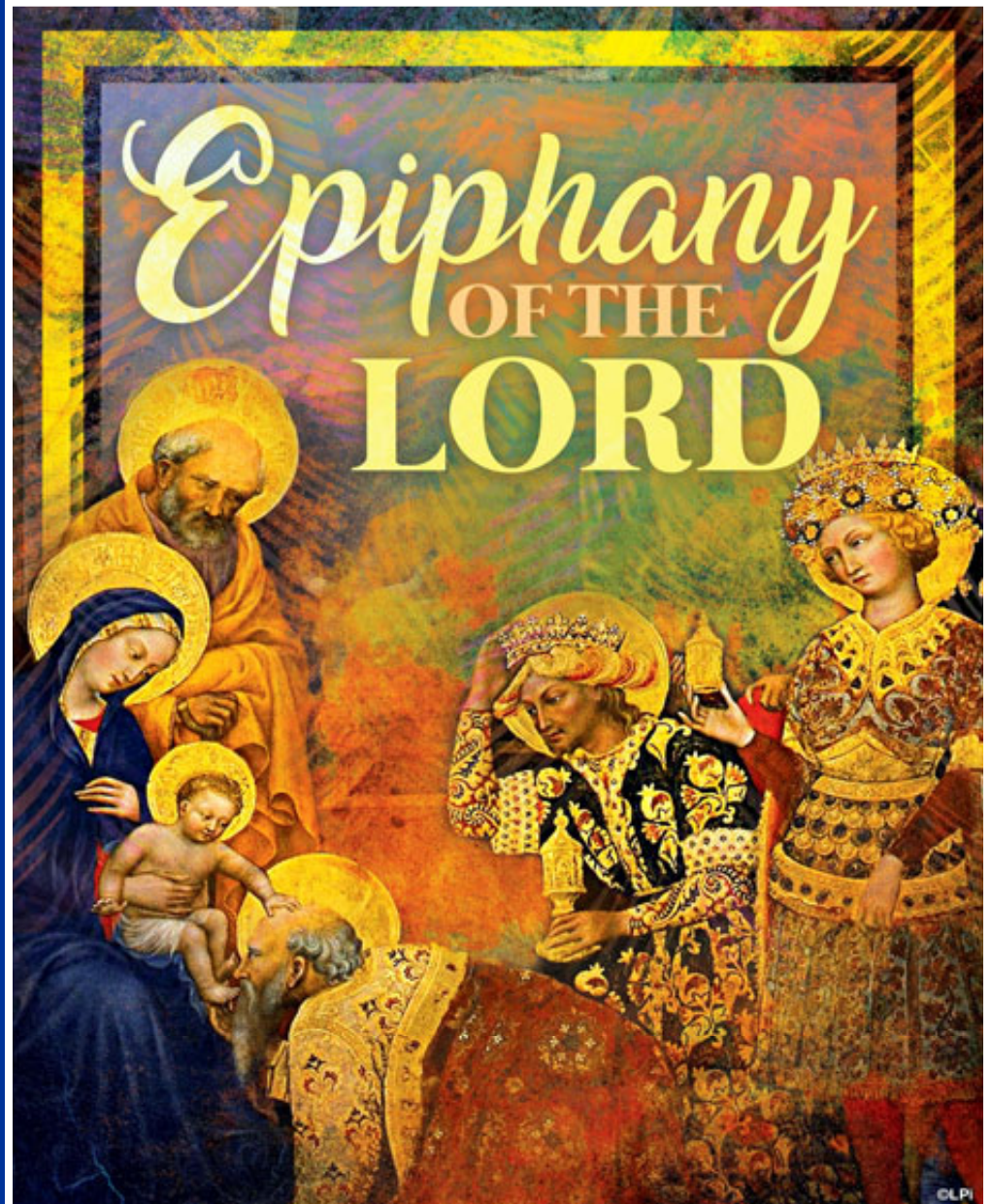


# Saint James Catholic Community

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 8, 2023*

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## **St. James Catholic Church**

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00noon

School (816) 781-4428

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<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/stjamesliberty/>

## **Mass Schedule:**

**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday, 8:15am

**Saturday,** 5:00pm

**Sunday,** 8:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4pm and Anytime by request

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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.

## Update Your Parishioner Information

It is time for us to update our database with any changes that may have occurred in your family over the past year.

If you have not already informed the Church Office, please call by Tuesday, January 10 and let us know so that the information is correct for the 2023 Guide Book & Directory.

Call the parish office at 816-781-4343  
or email Kirsten at

***Kirsten.maggi@stjames-liberty.org***

## Week of Prayer For Christian Unity January 18 - 25

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a response to Christ's prayer  
"that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

It is an eight-day period of prayer in which all Christians are invited to participate.

An Ecumenical Prayer Service here at St. James on Thursday, January 19 will kick off the week.

### SAVE THE DATE!

### Jan. 19, 2023

HOSTED BY THE LIBERTY-AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

### Ecumenical Prayer Service

### 7:00 PM

Followed by a light reception and dialogue

St. James Catholic Church  
309 South Steward Rd, Liberty MO

**DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE.**  
(Isaiah 1: 17)

### Day of Study for Clergy & Church Staff

**JAN. 24**  
**11-2 PM**

lunch included

### Public Lecture on the Church of Latter-Day Saints

**JAN. 24**  
**7 PM**

HOSTED BY THE PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER  
2120 St. Gaspar Way, Liberty MO

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2023**

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](mailto: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 Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.



## From the Pastor's Pen

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany means 'manifestation'. With the representation of the astrologers from the East, Jesus is manifested as the Savior of all peoples throughout the world.

This formally ends the season of Christmas with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is on Monday, January 9.

A special thanks to so many who made our Christmas season so beautiful, welcoming and inspiring to all who came our way – the musicians, our Art & Environment team, the ministers of the Eucharist, our snow shovelers, and all who were so welcoming, and all who made our Christmas Liturgical experience so wonderful!! We had 'record' crowds on Christmas Eve/Day. A real celebration of the Incarnation – Jesus coming into our world, as one like us. May you and your families continue to know the Messiah/Lord in your lives.

The weekend of January 21/22, we will be welcoming Fr. Greg Schmidt, a Redemptorist priest, to our parish. He will be speaking on behalf of UNBOUND, an organization that serves children and elders in need world wide. We will have the opportunity to 'adopt' a child or elder in need. This organization has been at St. James several times over the years, but not for several years. Judy will have info on UNBOUND in future bulletins. Thanks in advance for welcoming Fr. Greg, and the tremendous efforts of UNBOUND.

A special thanks to all who are such good and faithful stewards as of the close of the 2022 year, we are very grateful to the generosity of so many who continue the good work that God has begun among us. As you know, it is our 'long-term' goal to remodel the former sanctuary into an 'Event space'. As you saw in pictures in the Christmas bulletin, the old pews were taken out of the former sanctuary, and we are slowly moving forward to see this dream come true.

A special thanks to those who continued their building fund pledge that ended in December 2022. That helps us move forward to make this dream come true.

Blessings to you and your families  
as we journey into this NEW YEAR.

Peace, Fr. Mike

## Mass Intentions

### Week of January 9 - January 15

<b>Monday</b> 8:15am	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> †Paul Gossett
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:15am	John Anthony Meyer
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:15am	†Fr. Emil Kapaun
<b>Thursday</b> 8:15am	Catholic Military Chaplains
<b>Friday</b> 8:15am	†William Stichnot
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	Nancy and Mark Rutliff Ryan Rutliss & Erin Olson
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am	†Sylvester Ginther †Leo Ginther
<b>10:30am</b> 5:00pm	†Barbara DeHaven Catholic Military Chaplains



### Our prayer support is with ...

Deacon Chuck Koesterer and family and friends on the recent death of his godmother and aunt Margie Beelman.

***May the healing hand of our Lord Jesus be felt by all who are coping with grief and missing loved ones.***

### Pick Up Your 2023 Calendar



2023 calendars  
are available  
in the  
Gathering Space

Thanks to Park Lawn Northland Chapel  
for providing these complementary calendars.

## 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. 204 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 [cecilia@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:cecilia@stjames-liberty.org)**

or call the Parish Office, ext. 202.

**All Bulletin articles must be submitted by Monday**

**12Noon to: [bulletin@stjames-liberty.org](mailto:bulletin@stjames-liberty.org)**

## Training For Servers

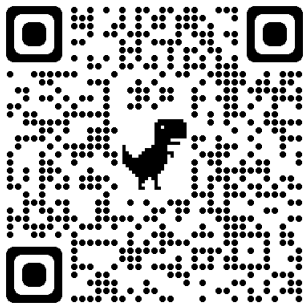


We are going to be holding a training session for servers-- both returning servers and any new students who would like to begin this ministry. The training session will be held

on **Tuesday, January 17th** with the first session from 6 to 7:10pm and the second session from 7:15 to 8:20pm. Students need to be in the fourth grade or older.

Parents will also need to attend to learn how to use the MSP app for scheduling for your student.

The link to the Signup Genius is below--please sign up for the time slot that your child will be attending, so that we know how many students to expect



## Catholic Mental Health Ministry



St. James in partnership with Catholic Charities is bringing a Catholic Mental Health Ministry to our parish.

They will begin with some educational events about various mental health topics as well as holding small group meetings for those struggling with mental health and small groups for their loved ones.

This is a much needed ministry and we hope to serve those who are suffering, break stigma surrounding mental health, and become a more inclusive community.

Deacon Chuck will be hosting a recruitment workshop at the end of the month with Catholic Charities to try to find volunteers for this wonderful ministry. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

## Someone is Watching and Wondering



The following is a quote from one of the reflections I read during Advent by Fr. Richard Rohr: "the longer I have tried to follow Jesus, the more I can really say that I no longer *believe* in Jesus, I *know* Jesus." I was somewhat shocked when I read this passage, but

as I kept reading, Fr. Rohr explained how he came to know Jesus by following His advice to act.

Jesus calls each of us to action: stepping out of our comfort zones, trusting in faith, serving others, giving generously without expectation of reward, singing God's praises with humble and contrite hearts, and knowing that what Jesus says is true. Actions speak louder than words!

Matthew 25:31-46 underscores how we will be judged: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." When both the those on the right and left questioned Jesus as to when they had cared for him (or neglected to care Him), Jesus answered "in truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers [or sisters] of mine, you did it to me." I don't think Jesus is telling me to simply tell others of his works. No, it seems Jesus is telling me to get busy and follow his example to care for those who are suffering.

The end of December 2022 brought some of the coldest temperatures on record with windchills that hovered below zero degrees for several days. During that time people finished shopping for Christmas, attended parties and family get togethers, went to church services, and some even attended the Chief's game. I could not stop thinking, however, about those individuals who are living in the cold, riding buses to stay warm, or Ukrainians who are huddling in shelters as their homes are continuously under attack. I know, realistically, that I cannot directly help all those in need. I also know, however, that I can reach out through generous giving, kindness, prayer, and providing assistance wherever I am called. A relative was surprised when I told him I really don't Christmas shop, but I try to help others with what I have. Don't just say God loves you and cares for you. Show another person that love and care through your actions. Don't just *believe* in Jesus, *know* Jesus.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, *Sandy Gagnon*

**RESPECT FOR LIFE  
Virtual\* Donation Drive  
For Kansas City's Homeless  
January 1 - January 29**

\* Virtual This year, due to renovations being done at St. James

<https://www.Uplift.org/donate>

\* To donate from list of needed items on Amazon, scan the QR code below.



\* To donate or pay with a credit or debit card, scan the QR code below.



**“...as you did it to one of the least of these,  
you did it to Me.”**

Uplift is a mobile street outreach for the homeless of Kansas City. Three nights a week, they take four Sprinter vans loaded with food, clothing, and other essential supplies out to the homeless. They meet them at parks, under bridges, at their camps, or wherever they are. We typically serve 250-400 people each night and we never miss a night!

Uplift was started 30 years ago in 1990. They are 100% donation-based and run completely by volunteers. Uplift has no paid staff and is not affiliated with any particular church or religious organization.

Uplift believes in the power of unconditional love and kindness. They welcome all people of good will to join us in this work!

**Knights of Columbus  
Roses For Life - January 14/15**

When Roe vs. Wade was overturned last June, the issue of legal abortions fell to the state level to enact pro-life laws.



After all Masses next weekend members of the Knights of Columbus will be handing out a Roses for Life flyer supporting the Missouri Pro Life Campaign.

As Catholics, we celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between. On Friday, January 20, the annual March For Life will continue to be held in Washington D.C.

On Monday, January 23, the Church in the United States will observe the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion.

**St. Mary's Food Kitchen Volunteers  
On-line Sign Up Available**



Please consider signing up to help serve at St. Mary's food kitchen on the fourth Sunday of each month. Your service and support would be much appreciated.

We are using Sign Up Genius to record the names of those wanting to help. .

**Scan the QR Code below  
to go to the sign up page:**



Or sign up at:

<http://bit.ly/3VcJoG6>

**Visit Our Website  
for current information  
about what's happening at St. James  
[www.stjames-liberty.org](http://www.stjames-liberty.org)**



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF ....



Alan Gremli  
 Frank & Eileen Melena  
 Theresa & Henry Langhorst  
 Mike & Catherine Roddy  
 Raymond Olson  
 Edward D'Angelo  
 Agnes O'Connor  
 B.T. O'Connor  
 Nettie Lou Thornton  
 John Dunlevy  
 Karen Peters  
 Mary Grant  
 Ethel Dunlevy  
 Margaret Werner  
 Al & Stella Sanchez  
 Jannette Olson  
 Lorene Steffensmeier  
 Minerva Kuecker  
 Baby Tran  
 Mike & Martha Pinar  
 Lloyd & Audery Koesterer  
 Cheryl Kasprzyk  
 Lance McMeans  
 Cas & Margie Beelman  
 Helen & Bill Roach  
 David G. Roach  
 Roger & Vivian Fox  
 Kathleen K. Swayne  
 The Lost Boswell Children  
 Favre Boswell  
 John & Opal Straka  
 Kenneth & Marva Lee Dick  
 Duane & Martha Howard  
 Bill, Sr. & Loraine Boswell  
 Mary Jane Holt  
 Walter Holt  
 Pat Clark  
 Rusty Holt  
 Janie Denning  
 John & Ann Johnson  
 Helen & Ed Puck  
 John & Catherine Johnson  
 John Patrick Johnson  
 Mary & Frank Vavra  
 Mark W. Razniak  
 The Frank Kromeich Family  
 The Walter White Family  
 Ed Heutinck  
 Bill & Helen Roach

David Roach  
 The Venditti/Buteau Families  
 Maria Abad  
 Victorina Ponce  
 Tony King  
 Lilia Anterola  
 Bartolome Anterola  
 Bonifacio King  
 Celia King  
 Francisco Abad  
 Maura Teodoro  
 Jovita Preza  
 The Halpin, McCready, Evans,  
 Smith & Bucholz Families  
 Bill Crawford  
 Beth Crawford  
 Joe Kaiser  
 Rob Sharum  
 Bob & Pat Sharum  
 Bill Sharum  
 Paul & Ann Lux  
 Karen & Lenny Biashke  
 Gerald Bindel  
 Deceased Members of the Kenney  
 & Rosekrans Families  
 Mrs. Emma Benson  
 Mrs. Georgia Thomason  
 Mrs. Bridget Gilliam  
 Mrs. Haney Rutliff  
 Mary K. Hopkins  
 Tom & Dorothy Tribble  
 Gemma Lynn Ladenthin  
 Harold & Anna Mae Ladenthin  
 Albert & Jenny Pfeifer  
 Ken & Maxine Irwin  
 Mary Diaz  
 Bill McClellan  
 Rose Hernandez  
 Barbara McClellan  
 Gail Douglas  
 Middy Douglas  
 Scott Douglas  
 Clementina DePalma  
 Phillip DePalma  
 Bill Flanigan  
 Alice Heinzler  
 Joe Heinzler  
 Alice Flanigan  
 Jean Long

Tom Long  
 Sara Hite  
 Loyd Hite  
 Vicky Norton  
 Mary Ann Schmitt  
 Margaret Mae Palmer  
 Charles & Katheryn Mahony  
 Glenn & Rita Gettert  
 Pat & Elva Mahony  
 Susie Manica  
 Bertha Swanson  
 Grace Kimmis  
 Clayton Kimmis  
 The Brecht-Elliott & Beason Families  
 Tom Rickman  
 Ethan Rickman  
 Claude & Dorothy Buckman  
 Joe, Paul, Tom, Carl & Jim  
 Buckman  
 Eugene & Clara Cuthbertson  
 Marty & Peg McCarthy  
 Doris Opal Dunn  
 Mary Diggins  
 Marie Pace  
 Anthony Pace  
 Joe & Helen Occhipinto  
 Vincent Mussorici  
 Amy Gurera  
 The Hudson Family & Friends  
 The Trujillo Family  
 Rose Wohletz  
 Beulah Wohletz  
 Alice & Leonard Hopkins  
 Lillie, Dick & Steve Morris  
 Etta Lea McJilton  
 Wayne Curtis  
 Fred & Phyllis Wolfe  
 Earl & Gin Curtis  
 Gary Curtis  
 Clarence & Alice Boyer  
 David Larm  
 Kenneth Redford  
 Frank & Loretta Durso  
 Dale & Pauline Durso  
 Bobbie Durso  
 Paulette Durso  
 Deceased Members of the Mathews &  
 Wunderlich Families



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cropsey  
 Mr. & Mrs. David McDonald  
 Patrick West  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Zegers  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Clark  
 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Fessler  
 Mr. & Mrs. William Korte  
 Therese Aue  
 Mr. & Mrs. John Burns  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Moubry  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Slocum  
 Mr. & Mrs. Wade Kraft

Mrs. Jacqueline Filardo  
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Guastello  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hughes  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hart  
 Mrs. Cecilia Woody  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Herr  
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Power  
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gaudin  
 Joyce Weese  
 Mr. & Mrs. Renny Russell  
 Ms. Brenna Ildza  
 Mr. & Mrs. Greg Avey

Rena Tulipana  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Benson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Panis  
 Mary Gisi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Don Ollier  
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Orman  
 M. James Madden  
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vertovec  
 Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Hansen  
 Brian Cruz & Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Urban Miller  
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kromeich



**December  
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*Glory Be Tea 2022*

## Parish Religious Education

Feeding • Building • Living



### Elementary K- 5

**Jan 8:** Where: Parish School.  
Time: 9:10-10:20am. Enter / Exit through Narthex doors.

### Middle School

**Jan 15:** Middle School RE formation sessions are being held in our parish middle school for the remainder of the year (2023). The time will remain the same, 6:00-7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Entrance and exit will be through the school main doors.

Grade 6 will be in the St. Stephen's classroom, Grade 7 in St. Theresa's classroom and Grade 8 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's classroom. Please continue to drop off and pick up at the school doors for safety issues.

### Confirmation Preparation

**Jan 15:** From 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Parish Hall (lower level of church building). Dismissal: top level of the church.

### "Camino de Santiago" Post Confirmation Group

**Jan 15:** Regular Session 6:00-7:30pm in the School Café. Enter and exit through the GYM doors.



### COUNSELING / SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Some people make New Year's resolutions. If you could use some help making some changes for the future, consider counseling.

If you are looking for ways to handle depression, consider counseling. Fr. Garry Richmeier is a Licensed Professional Marriage and Family Therapist, providing marriage, individual, and family counseling, as well as Spiritual Direction. He has offices in Liberty and in midtown Kansas City, and accepts donations in lieu of set fees.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Fr. Garry at 816-415-2998 (no text) or [garrycpps@gmail.com](mailto:garrycpps@gmail.com)

*"Faith is having the courage to let God have control."*

## Celebrating Epiphany



Christmas may come but once a year, but thankfully the season doesn't end in the church's Liturgical Calendar on December 25th. After all the bustling activity leading up to Christmas Day, we get more time afterwards to reflect on the wonders of the Incarnation.

Think of it! God first assumed a human nature to save us from our sins, most vulnerably, as a little baby in a stable in a cave in Bethlehem! In being born in such a seemingly lowly circumstance, Jesus wished to highlight for us how much he values true humility.

On Epiphany, we hear the story of the Three Wise Men who followed the Star of Bethlehem that they saw in the sky heralding our Lord's birth. Matthew's Gospel refers to them as Magi, a word for astrologers, although tradition associates these men with royalty. They followed that star to pay homage to the "newborn king of the Jews" as they referred to Jesus.

The Magi first arrived in Jerusalem thinking that would be the most logical spot to find the long awaited Messiah but when they got there, guess what – they found...nothing and they were directed by King Herod to go to Bethlehem. And the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Our God is truly a God of surprises! Born in Bethlehem? Not in the Temple or a palace surrounded by worshipers? Nope – in a stable in a cave outside Bethlehem!

### St. James is going to Steubenville July 7-9, 2023!

If you would like your teen to experience an amazing, faith-filled weekend with 5,000 other teens, please scan the QR Code and fill out the form.

Highlights of the weekend include great music, adoration, confession, and Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Steubenville is open to 2023-2024 High Schoolers, and seniors from the class of 2023.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to Amanda Lewey at [amandaclewey@gmail.com](mailto:amandaclewey@gmail.com).

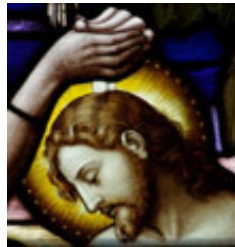




**Birthdays this week: Today we celebrate all that you with God's help, have accomplished.**

Ernest Collins	Bridget Conwell	Jasper Bianco
Jacob Frawley	Olivia Cotton	John Krim
Edward Hughes	Cole Herrig	Lindsey Lewis
Everett Junod	Landon Herrig	Lindsay Mehaffy
Brooklyn Krause	Michelle Hobbs	James Murphy
Ashley Neels	Brett Nieman	Susan Shannon
Sloane Phillips	Jasmine Ramirez	Bryan Swingler
Courtney Whited	Claire Rushay	Mary Weiss
Teresa Witherow	Jennifer Scanlon-	Timothy Yoder
Breana Wolf	Smith	Juliana Alcala
Kenneth Anderson	Mary Schucht	Sarah Baker
Josephine	Megan Selock	Amber Chase
Bertoncin	Robin Young	Leo Christello
Maureen Coday	Ralph Agee	Cooper Findlay
Chase Gaddis	Laurel Bruening	Madelyn Gray
Seeley Glenn	Clay Hedges	Taylor Koch
Jason Gordon	Michael	Concetta
Spencer Howerton	Klebenstone	McCombs
Brady Kelley	Nate Langhorst	Nikolas Mead
Larry Langhorst	Jocina Maggio	Philip Pernice
Judith Malecki	Lisa Martin	Trevor Schoenrock
Peter McLean	Susan Nordhues	Gina Zeier
John Padden	Martha Peters	Belma Crespo
Kevin Page	Delainey Rice	Alexis Hatfield
Olivia Peetoom	Molly Schoen	Jacob Lauck
Kevin Winfrey	Sarah Schwartz	Juan Medina
Alyson Baker	Evan Walthall	Evan Nelson
Kellen Bolling	Jenna Zackert	Adam Otte
Grace Burns	Andrew Benoit	

**The Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord  
January 9**



This feast brings to an end the season of Christmas. At first glance, the Baptism of the Lord might seem an odd feast. Since the Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for the remission of sins, particularly Original Sin, why was

Christ baptized? After all, He was born without Original Sin, and He lived His entire life without sinning. Therefore, He had no need of the sacrament, as we do.

In submitting Himself humbly to the baptism of St. John the Baptist, however, Christ provided the example for the rest of us. If even He should be baptized, though He had no need of it, how much more should the rest of us be thankful for this sacrament, which frees us from the darkness of sin and incorporates us into the Church, the life of Christ on earth! His Baptism, therefore, was necessary - not for Him, but for us.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

**Saturday Morning Faith Sharing  
New Session Begins January 7**



What is the journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"?

Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination-a destination that could extend beyond your last breathe?

What do you want from your life during the in between?

The questions are there. And, the answers are too in this seven episode series from Augustine Institute that begins Saturday, December 7

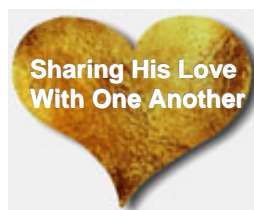
**The class meets in person at 10:00am in the Conference Room (lower level of the church).**

**All Are Welcome and Invited To Attend.**

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**An Opportunity to Share Our Faith  
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All are invited to attend this faith sharing series, "**Sharing His Love With One Another**" led by Sandy Gagnon, designed specifically for those who wish to enrich their faith and understanding of God's infinite love and mercy,

and how we are each individually called to share God's gifts through our daily lives.

When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 11**

Time: Select either Noon-1:00pm or 6:30-8:00pm.

Where: Front conference room of the office complex at the lower level of the church.

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All are invited and welcome to join the "Watch Party" on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the AV Conference Room (lower level of the church) as we watch episodes of *The Chosen*, a series following Christ's public ministry.

Come join us. No registration needed,  
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**Please notify us to remove your name from our prayer lists when it is time.**  
In respect of HIPAA we will add names to the prayer list only by request of the person or immediate family.

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